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NEW STATISTICAL ASPECT IN YEO TRIAL QUESTIONED.

2,000 SPECIMENS SHOWN.

"Not a bad forgery" was the remark which Mr. Eldon Potter made during the trial of Carvalho Yeo at the Criminal Sessions this morning when Professor Shellshear complied with a request that he should make a copy of the signature of Mr. T. Black, of the Treasury.

Mr. Potter added, jokingly, "what you could do in a year's time, I shudder to think of."

The greater part of the morning was taken up by the continued cross-examination of Professor Shellshear, who was questioned at length by Mr. Potter in regard to characteristics of Mr. Messer's and Mr. Black's signatures.

When the Court opened, Mr. Jenkin referred to an indication that the Crown was resting its case on certain statistical methods in regard to signatures, and suggested that this was an entirely new aspect of the case on which he would have to call evidence.

Mr. Potter replied that this was not a new point, but merely a way of bringing home his argument. After much discussion, Mr. Justice Jackson took a note of Mr. Jenkin's objection.

CURIOUS POSITION OF SIGNATURES.

Prior to the resumption of the cross-examination of Professor Shellshear, Mr. Jenkin said he wanted to understand clearly one position which appeared to arise yesterday. He wanted to know not only what the position of the defence was in regard to the matter but also how the Court stood. He said he was referring to something he gathered from the cross-examination yesterday in which there was a reference to statistical methods, that some argument could be based afterwards on statistical methods of detecting forgery.

If that was so, then the position was this—that if the jury were to be invited to say that because of some statistical results, the signatures upon the cheques must be forgeries, then that was an entirely new aspect of the case. It was a novel form of approach to a problem of that kind. It was not mentioned in the opening in any shape or form.

Mr. Messer, Mr. Black and Tsang On-wing were called to give evidence as to handwriting, continued Mr. Jenkin, and it was only in re-examination by Mr. Potter, after he (Mr. Jenkin) had sat down, that Mr. Messer was asked as to the probabilities of three cheques (the alleged forgeries) being signed by Mr. Black with the "B" commencing in a certain place, out of nearly 3,000 cheques.

Mr. Jenkin went on to say he did not know whether Mr. Messer was qualified to speak on such statistics as a science of his own. If that line was taken, then he would have to conduct his defence on an additional line, and would have to adduce evidence on the point.

Not a New Point.
Mr. Potter said he failed to appreciate Mr. Jenkin's objection. No new case had been made. Out of 2,824 cheques they would not find one with the "B" of Black starting in the same place as it started on the alleged forgeries. It could be described as a new form of argument. It was true that the point was put to Mr. Messer in re-examination, but it was not a new point but merely a way of pressing home an argument.

His Lordship asked Mr. Potter whether he intended going any further with the point.
Mr. Potter replied that he did not, except on the facts that had been proved and established. The point was merely what were the probabilities as to the letter "B" starting in a certain place.

Mr. Jenkin stated it was not a question as to whether they were going any further with it. He wanted to know whether they were going into it at all, and whether any weight would be given to it. If it was going to be proceeded

with, he would meet it. The probabilities had been put forward and this must have been done for some reason. The point would have to be met in the proper way.

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LESS ANXIETY FOR THE KING.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT MAINTAINED.

BUT HEART TROUBLE STILL PERSISTING.

COMMISSION TO SIGN.

London, Dec. 4.
An authoritative statement issued at 10.30 last night that the slight improvement in the King's condition, indicated in the evening bulletin, has been maintained, has momentarily alleviated anxiety with regard to His Majesty's illness.

According to the newspapers, in view of difficulties which have arisen with regard to the signing of State papers by the King during his illness, it has been decided to appoint a Commission to act for him.

The Commission will probably include the Lord Chancellor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of York, and Mr. Baldwin or Earl Balfour.—*Reuter.*

London, Dec. 4.
The publication of this morning's bulletin regarding His Majesty's illness, recording a slight improvement in his general condition after the disquieting bulletins of yesterday brought immense relief inside and outside the walls of Buckingham Palace to-day.

The doctors issued their report within half an hour of their examination, though Sir Stanley Hewitt was in touch with the Palace all night.

Never since the King's illness began has there been such a large crowd outside the Palace as to-day, and this afternoon there were between 5,000 and 6,000 people present.

Heart Trouble.
They were rewarded for their wait by another bulletin recording that "the slight improvement in the King's condition noted this morning has been maintained. His temperature is nearer normal, but it is necessary to emphasise that anxiety concerning the heart still persists."

It is officially announced that the Prince of Wales will leave H.M.S. Enterprise at Suez. He will cross Egypt by train and will continue his journey homeward in the cruiser Frobenius, which will convey him from Alexandria to Brindisi. Thence His Royal Highness will travel overland most probably via Turin, Modane and Paris.

Oxygen Given.
It is understood that a small quantity of oxygen was administered to the King as a tonic during the night.

It is authoritatively pointed out at the Palace that this is not to be regarded as an alarming feature, the administration of small quantities of oxygen in such cases being a very common practice.

When the reassuring news became known, there was appreciable lessening of the atmosphere of strain prevailing in the Palace. The Queen, who was the first to receive the doctors' report, was greatly pleased at the improvement.—*Reuter.*

Duke of Gloucester.
Bwana Kabwa, Dec. 3.
The Duke of Gloucester had a delightful informal reception as he passed through this little town in North Rhodesia en route to Victoria.

He was having a bath when the train arrived at the station, but he came out in a dressing gown rubbing his hands and face, and was met by the manager of the copper mines, who tendered the Duke's health and happiness.

The Duke of Gloucester drank out of a bottle which he passed to the British residents, who also drank and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow."

It was noticed that the Duke looked grave as he stood to attention while the residents sang "God Save the King."

In the Wilds.
It is learned from Broken Hills that the Duke of Gloucester received his first news of the illness of His Majesty three days ago, while he was shooting in the Bangweulu Swamps, North Rhodesia.

He immediately proceeded with all speed by canoe to Kapapala, where he joined the mail-train for

TOWN BESIEGED BY REBEL TRIBES.

AFGHAN ROYAL PALACE IS BURNED DOWN.

REVOLT EXTENDING.

Peshawar, Dec. 3.
The rebellion in Afghanistan appears to be extending rapidly, and the situation is becoming increasingly grave. In the course of the past few days, incendiaries have been at work in the vicinity of the Royal Palace at Jalalabad and much damage has been done in spite of the strengthening of the Royal Guard.

Reports from the eastern regions of Afghanistan indicate that the rebellion against King Amanullah's westernising reforms is gaining ground and that the first tribe to revolt, the Shinwaris, have now been joined by the Khuglanis and the Mohmands.

The Shinwaris have hitherto been active only on the Dukka side of Jalalabad, but it is now reported that the roads on both sides of the city have been cut by the rebels. Jalalabad is now in a state of siege, the Government forces being for the time being outnumbered.

The Royal Palace, which is outside the walls of the city, is stated to have been burned, together with the hangars at the local aerodrome.

Some fresh assistance for King Amanullah is expected shortly as

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U.S. NAVAL PARLEY PROPOSAL.

MR. BRITTEN'S OFFER RIDICULED.

MR. BALDWIN DISCLOSES THE NATURE OF REPLY.

FRIENDLY SENTIMENT.

London, Dec. 3.
It now appears that Mr. Stanley Baldwin's speech last month expressing a desire for more frequent personal discussion between American and British representatives, inspired Mr. F. A. Britten, the Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, in his unofficial proposal for a meeting on Canadian soil.

He proposed that the conference should be attended by the U. S. Naval Affairs Committee and a Select Committee of the British House of Commons, and that they should discuss the subject of equality of sea-power between Britain and the United States.

Cordially Reciprocated.
The communication was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Baldwin being asked to disclose the nature of his reply.

The Premier said he had replied to Mr. Britten cordially reciprocating the spirit inspiring his suggestion and sharing Mr. Britten's earnest desire for a complete understanding between the two countries.

He had pointed out, however, that in his speech of November 13th, he was speaking not of legislatures but of Executives of Governments, and it was the absence of facilities for personal intercourse between Ministers which he regretted.

Appreciation.
Except to remove this possible misunderstanding of his speech, he felt it would not be consistent with the courtesy which he owed to the United States Government to express any further opinion on a proposal about which, he understood, they had not been consulted.

Mr. Baldwin added that the offer came from a private individual and explained that communications between countries is only possible between Governments. He would, therefore, only repeat his appreciation of Mr. Britten's friendly sentiments.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

American Still Excited.
Washington, Dec. 3.
The British Embassy has announced that Mr. Stanley Baldwin has sent his reply to Mr. Britten direct in consonance with the wishes of the U. S. State Department, which apparently did not favour the use of diplomatic channels.

It is quite evident that the proposals of Mr. Britten have excited much interest and criticism, and the "incident" still holds the front page of the New York papers.

Critical Newspapers.
The Evening Post, for example, declares that the British Foreign Office has blundered in permitting Mr. Baldwin to seriously reply to Mr. Britten's "ridiculous and unconstitutional proposal" and in letting Sir Esmé Howard, the British Ambassador, call on Mr. Kellogg in connexion with the reply, and thereby placing Mr. Kellogg in the necessary, but undignified position of having to refuse it.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Volga Overflows Its Banks.
Moscow, Dec. 3.
As the result of a storm in the Caspian Sea, the River Volga has overflowed in the neighbourhood of Astrakhan.

Many Villages Suffer Inundation.
Numbers of villages have been inundated and people have been compelled to take refuge in boats and on the roofs of houses.

Many houses have been destroyed and a large number of cattle drowned.—*Reuter.*

PARIS BUILDING COLLAPSE.

CONTRACTOR GETS TWO-YEAR SENTENCE.

A FIRST OFFENDER.

Paris, Dec. 3.
The contractor alleged to be responsible for the collapse of a big six-storey building at Vincennes, East Paris, on October 18th has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

The accused was given the benefit of the First Offenders Act. It will be recalled that the building collapsed whilst under construction burying twenty workmen in the ruins, some of whom were killed.

The foreman in charge of the construction had a miraculous escape. He ascended to the fourth floor and was suddenly called down by a workman. As he reached the road, he saw the building shake, make an almost quarter turn and then collapse.

The contractor was subsequently taken to the Police Station, where he attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself with a revolver.

This disaster recalls one which occurred only a few days previously at Prague, where a five-storey building in course of construction collapsed without warning, no fewer than fifty workmen being killed.—*Reuter.*

Small-Pox Still Raging.
OVER THIRTY CASES LAST WEEK.
Small-pox continues to figure prominently in the returns of notifiable diseases for the Colony, most of the cases being reported from Kowloon districts.

Last week, no fewer than 33 cases were notified, all Chinese, of which 25 were fatal. Twenty-eight of the cases were from Kowloon.

Yesterday, a further 12 cases, all but one of which were from Kowloon, were reported.

Other diseases notified last week were seven cases of typhoid (one fatal), of which six were Chinese and the other Japanese; as well as four cases (two fatal) of diphtheria, all Chinese. A further case of typhoid was reported yesterday.

Brazilian Aviation Disaster.
FOURTEEN DROWNED IN SEAPLANE CRASH.
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 3.

One of the worst aviation disasters in Brazilian history occurred to-day when a seaplane containing fourteen passengers flew out from Rio to meet an incoming liner, carrying the pioneer flier, Santos Dumont.

The welcoming seaplane was not far out to sea when engine trouble developed, and the machine crashed. All the passengers are believed to have been drowned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

To Honour Marshal Lyautey.
AFRICAN SOCIETY TO CONFER MEDAL.
London, Dec. 3.

The African Society will to-morrow night honour Marshal Lyautey, the famous French Administrator of Morocco, by conferring on him its gold medal.

Immediately upon his arrival in London this evening, Marshal Lyautey proceeded to Buckingham Palace to enquire about the condition of the King.—*British Wireless.*

Ruhr Trouble Ends.
Berlin, Dec. 3.
Some of the Ruhr metal works are resuming to-day and the remainder as soon as possible.—*Reuter.*

LONDON BRIBERY SCANDAL.

POLICE SERGEANT HAS TWO COMPANIONS.

MRS. MEYRICK AND RIBUFFI NOW CHARGED.

STARTLING EVIDENCE.

London, Dec. 3.
The swift action taken by Scotland Yard following definite evidence of the leakage of police secrets connected with proposed raids on notorious night clubs, has given a sensational turn to the case in which Sergeant Goddard, of the Vine Street Police Station, is charged with corruptly accepting a gift of £60 from Mr. Ribuffi, the assistant manager of the Uncle's Club in Albemarle Street.

Sergeant Goddard failed to account to a police "court-martial" for the possession of £12,000, alleged to have been obtained by aliens running night-clubs. He was dismissed from the Force, and subsequently charged.

When he appeared in the dock on remand at Bow Street this morning, two new prisoners were with him. One was Mr. Ribuffi, and the other was Mrs. Meyrick, the so-called "Night Club Queen."

Mrs. Meyrick's Arrest.
Mrs. Meyrick was arrested on Saturday a few days after her release from Holloway Prison, where she had been serving a sentence of six months' imprisonment for breaches of the Licensing Laws in a West-end Club. The Police Magistrate when her case was heard recorded the numerous occasions on which Mrs. Meyrick had been heavily fined for similar breaches, and said that fines were inadequate to deal with such a case.

Sergeant Goddard, Ribuffi and Mrs. Meyrick were all charged this morning under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Counsel for the prosecution, Mr. Clarke, said that evidence would be submitted to show an anonymous letter was received at Scotland Yard on August 23rd, this year, alleging that Sergeant Goddard was flagrantly receiving bribes from the proprietors of night clubs.

The letter was handed to Sergeant Goddard, who declared that he had accumulated the money to buy a house and a motor-car by thrift and by successful speculation in horse-racing.

£12,000 in Notes.
It has since been discovered that Goddard did not bank the money he received, but had two safes in an Oxford Street Safe Deposit, and that he took another safe in Pall Mall on November 5th.

When detectives obtained access to this latter safe, no less than £12,000 were found inside in bank notes. Among them were nineteen £10 notes which had been traced to Mr. Ribuffi and four to Mrs. Meyrick.

Sergeant Goddard, in so-called performance of his duty, had reported favourably concerning the conduct of Uncle's Club, owned by Mr. Ribuffi in April, 1926, and July, 1927.

Without Goddard's Knowledge.
Counsel also reviewed at some length the vicissitudes of the various clubs controlled by Mrs. Meyrick, on which Sergeant Goddard frequently reported.

Finally, Chief-Inspector Cooper organised an independent observation without Sergeant Goddard's knowledge, resulting in the conviction and imprisonment of Mrs. Meyrick in June.

Mr. Clarke mentioned that other charges were pending against Goddard in connexion with brothels under his observation. He also asserted that Sergeant Goddard periodically made gifts to his assistant, Police-Constable Wildins.

Evidence was given by Chief-Inspector Cooper bearing out the main points of counsel's opening.

Goddard's Record.
Cross-examined, Inspector Cooper said he believed that Goddard had been commended and rewarded by the Commissions on ninety occasions in the past five years. He also agreed that Goddard had

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DEFENCE IN YEO TRIAL.

PROFESSOR SHELLSHEAR QUESTIONED.

METHODS OF FORGERS.

Professor J. L. Shellshear, of Hongkong University, was in the witness box during the whole of yesterday's hearing of the Treasury fraud case, being cross-examined in the afternoon by Mr. Eldon Potter, Counsel for the Crown.

When the court resumed after the fifth adjournment, Professor Shellshear explained the characteristics of a genuine figure eight and then went on to deal with figures generally. He gave details of both figures and writing on various dates, saying that all the variations to be found were contained in the allegedly forged cheques. He explained that there was one mark that attracted his attention but he did not believe that it had been added as he found a similar continuity of line in genuine cheques.

Mr. Jenkin: We have some hundreds of letters in the body of these three cheques. On account of junctions, thickness and thinness, are you of the opinion that it would be possible for a man to sit down and write out the body of these cheques in perfectly free hand, as you have said they are, so that they would pass the test to which you have subjected them and could be taken unquestionably as genuine handwriting?—I contend it would be impossible to so imitate.

You entertain no doubt but that the handwriting in the body of the cheques is just as free and of its class and type as are the signatures of Mr. Black and Mr. Messer?—I am.

Have you traced any indication at all in the handwriting in the body of any hesitation in any shape or form?—I have found no hesitation in any shape or form.

Remarkable Feature.

Is there not this remarkable feature that in the body of these cheques, as in the signatures, there is just that variation which you would expect to find were the handwriting that of the person ordinarily accustomed to putting that handwriting to paper?—That is so.

If you found as the result of your examination work any indication at all of forgery you would not be standing in the witness box?—I would at once have said so.

Explaining why he had come to the conclusion that the signatures were genuine, witness explained that the movements of handwriting were the highest expressions of intelligence. They were dominated by the upper parts of the brain. They were developed after long education and could not be easily gained by another person.

Cross-examined by Mr. Potter, witness said that given sufficient data, he would say that any forgery was capable of being detected by scientific means and he was of the opinion that he could do so. He did not think he could refer to the system he used as his own system. He claimed to be a handwriting expert.

Witness continuing, admitted that not very long ago he disclaimed that he was an expert and the present was the first time he had claimed those qualifications. He had since felt the duty of taking that attitude and responsibility.

Other Experts.

Can you give me the name of any other well known expert, who puts forward the claim you have just put forward that you can detect any forgery, given sufficient data?—I cannot say for certain without looking through books. Witness gave the names of Mitchell and Osborne. The latter, he said, was the best of them.

Are you aware that he does lay it down that it is impossible for any person to claim what you do?—Witness asked for the reference, which Mr. Potter read out, re-

marking that he obtained the book from Mr. Dovey.

Witness then replied to the effect that the answer was a general statement and he had put his own opinion quite clearly. Mr. Potter remarked that he had asked a very general question and given him all the latitude he could, saying "If I may say so you have discovered a goldmine."

Mr. Potter put it to witness that from his own knowledge, especially with regard to cases where conflicting views were expressed by experts, he ought to be satisfied that the detection of forgery was not so easy. Witness agreed.

He said that in his opinion detection was certain in the present case where there was so much data put forward. He first started his examination in September last. He did see genuine cheques and worked on them before May and before he had dealt with the cheques in dispute. He worked on a bundle containing 37 and no others at that time. Since then he had examined cheques which were in Court to the number of 3,695. In many cases he did not examine each one under the microscope and did not attempt to put down all the features that were in the writing.

Perfection of Forgeries.

Mr. Potter: Do you know that banks are victimised at times by means of forged cheques?—Yes.

I suppose you will agree with me that the forgery must reach the highest degree of perfection because gentlemen employed in banks are good at detecting forged signatures?—I don't know whether that is quite an opinion for an expert to give.

Don't you really think that the employees in a bank are well fitted for the detection of forged signatures?—I don't think it is impossible with a lot of cheques going through. I think a signature could quite easily pass a man at the bank.

Mr. Potter repeated his question about perfection of forgeries and received a similar reply. Witness agreed that, presumably, the forger's aim would be to produce the best effort he could. Witness contended it was impossible for the signature to be imitated so as to include the various movements and characteristics by means of copying over a glass or remembering the signature.

Methods of Forgers.

What you are putting to the jury is this. That once you have to exercise a conscious effort then you cannot reproduce an imitation of the signature that will pass muster with you?—Yes.

Assume that a man can produce a signature other than his own without conscious effort. Would you still detect that to be a forgery?—I cannot agree with the

assumption in that case.

Witness went on to give the ordinary methods used by a forger. The first was by careful tracing, the second by copying over glass with a light underneath it; thirdly by skilful engraving and fourthly by copying direct freehand.

In this particular case you have said that the signatures are those of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black and I understand you to say that the handwriting in the body of the cheques is that of Tang On-wing?—The handwriting is the same.

Looking at the general specimens of Tang On-wing's writing would you say that the writing in the body of the cheques was obviously Tang's?—Yes.

Not a Cheque Signature.

Witness added that there was no attempt at concealment of the writing. Mr. Potter produced a photograph specimen of Mr. Messer's signature and asked why that was chosen to work on. Professor Shellshear replied it was chosen because the signature showed the line and quality. He had taken other signatures but the negatives were not as good. He agreed that that signature was not a signature on a cheque.

Is there any reason why you could not have taken a cheque to take a photograph?—It was a clean cut signature and I did it.

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MAN SAM

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YEAH, MR. GUZZLEM, SAM WAS ON DUTY WHEN MRS. SHEKLES HAD HER JEWELS PUT IN TH' SAFE. NEXT MORNING BOTH TH' SAFE AN' SAM HAD DISAPPEARED!

WELL, YA CAN'T CONVINCE ME SAM HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT—HE'S NO THEIF!

Dirty Work Ahead

AW, BE YERSELF, MISTER! TH' SAFES GONE, AN' IT? AN' SAM'S GONE, TOGIL WELL—HE'S TH' GUY I'M GOIN' AFTER!

MEANWHILE THE STOLEN SAFE IS STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE GEM GRABBERS WHO SWIPED IT JUST AFTER SAM PUT MRS. SHEKLES' JEWELS AWAY—

By Small

AW, LETS STOP HERE—NOBODY'S GONNA GET WISE!

OK! WELL, DUNP TH' SAFE OUT AN' GLOW TH' THING UP!

MOVING—



The photograph shows Mr. Sung Koo-zoo, owner of Forward Boy, who won the first race at the inauguration of the Canidrome, the new Shanghai greyhound racing course, recently being presented with a cup by Madame J. Meyrier, wife of the French Consul-General.



Late Mr. Henry Keswick, whose death was announced during the week-end.



Gds. Elliott, of the Scots Guards, who broke the records in the 1,500 metre flat and the 10,000 metre flat at the International Track and Field Meeting in Shanghai recently.



Our picture shows the field of 39 competitors starting in the International Bicycle Race in Shanghai recently. It is estimated that over 2,000 spectators witnessed the event which was won by M. Emile Lambalot (France). A Chinese occupied second place.

Sir Oswald Mosley, the Labour M.P. who, after all, has decided it is not necessary to decline the title to which he has just acceded.



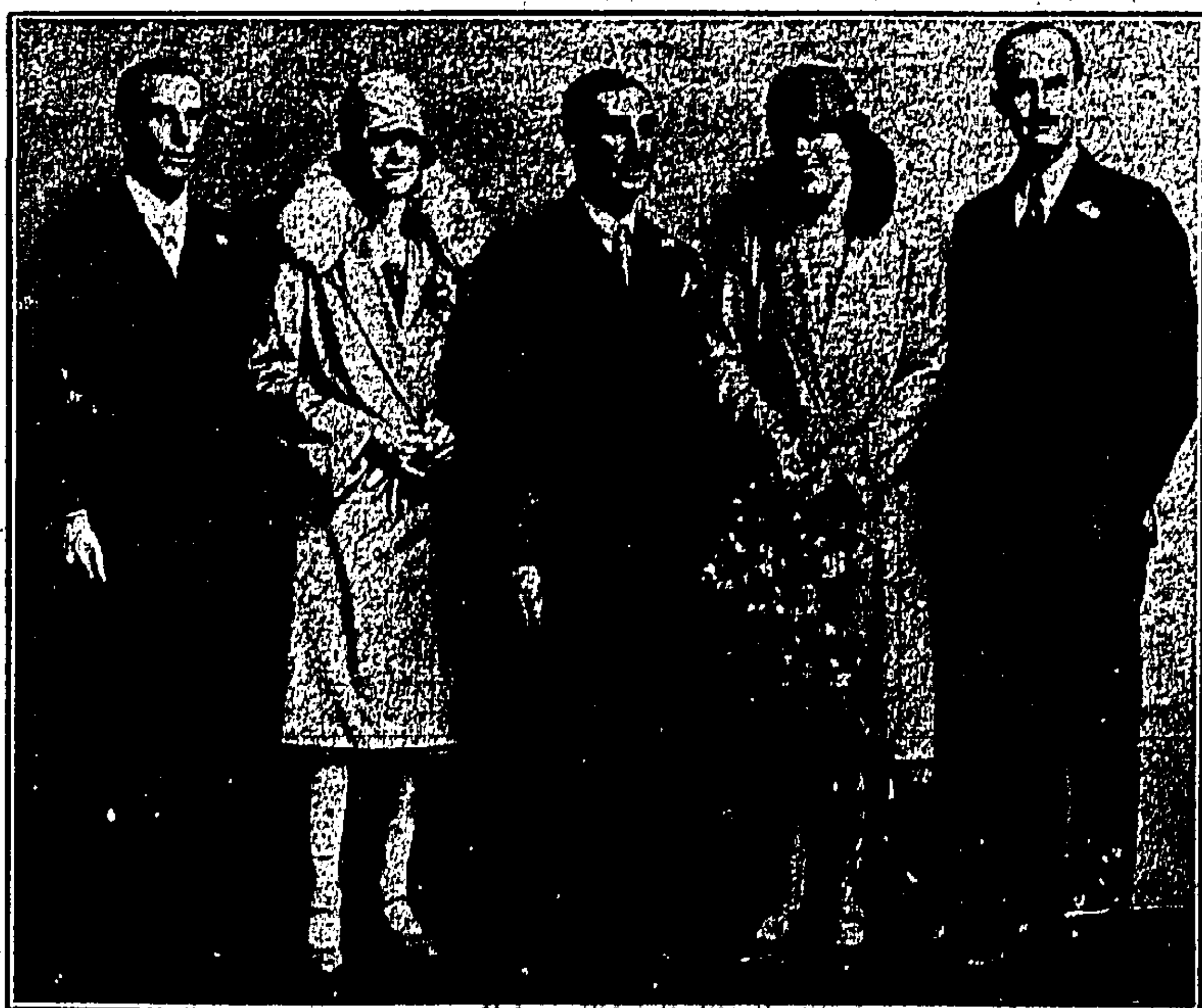
Kong Pao, a Chinese competitor in the international race, who finished second.



The above photograph was taken at Kiangwan when the final of the Shanghai Golf Club championship was played. Left to right are: Mr. Robert Bailey, Vice-President of the S.G.C.; Mr. W. H. C. Huggott, runner-up; Mr. A. R. Blinko, the winner; and Mr. A. Gray, President. Blinko defeated Huggott by 5 and 3.

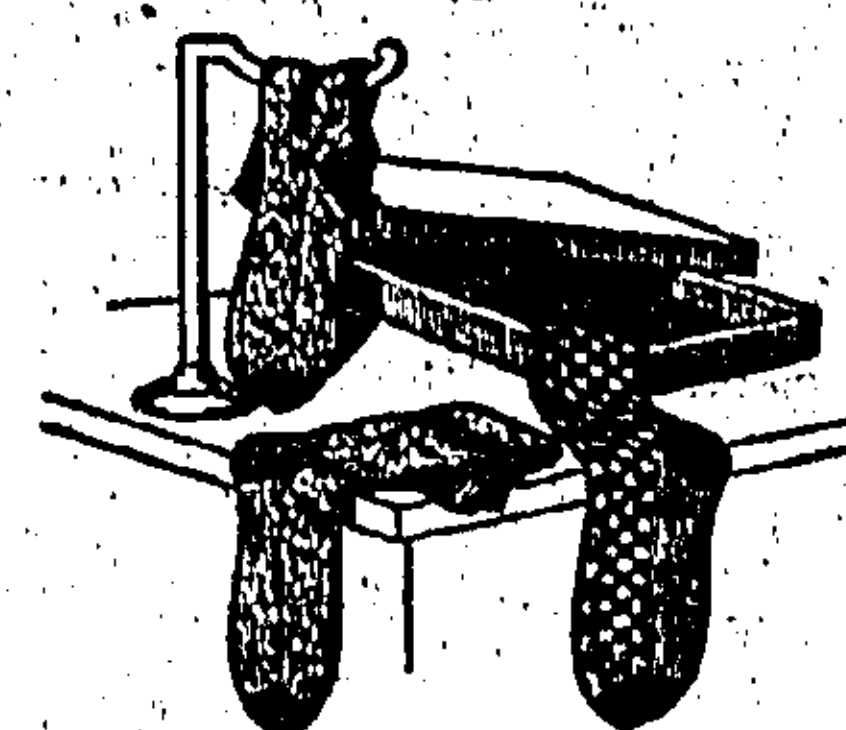


M. Emile Lambalot, the winner of the bicycle race, which was held under the auspices of the 'Le Journal de Shanghai' the French newspaper.



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SEQUEL TO OUTRAGE IN GREEK CLUB.

Melbourne, Dec. 3.

Eight persons arrested in connection with a bomb explosion in a Greek club, in which fifteen persons were injured, have been released on bail despite strong protests by the police.

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JEAN HERSHOLT.

FAMOUS CHARACTER ACTOR AT WORLD.

Jean Hersholt, who was seen here a few weeks ago in "The Student Prince," gives perhaps the most remarkable character portrayal of his career in "Jazz Mad," the chief item in the programme of the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. "Jazz Mad" revolves around the life story of an old musician who is told that his music is behind the times, but whose sympathy finally triumphs over cynicism. A charming romantic element is delightfully introduced by George Lewis and Marion Nixon. Their youthful appeal is brought out in contrast to the old player thus affording an excellent study of types. A huge cast of supporting players is provided and includes Patricia Caron and Clarissa Selwynne.

TRAFFIC TIE-UP.

SHANGHAI TRAM AND BUS EMPLOYEES STRIKE.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

Thirteen hundred tram and bus employees in the French Concession struck this morning demanding wage increases. The stoppage is expected also to affect the water supply and electric supply, which are under the same management as the tramways. —Reuter.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1325 b.

Chartered Bank, \$22 b.

Morantillo A. & B., \$54 n.

P. and O. \$91 n.

East Asia \$81 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$890 b.

Union Ins., \$359 n.

North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.

Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.

China Underwriters, \$2.50 s.

China Fire, \$280 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$780 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$387 n.

H. K. Steamboats, \$281 b.

H. K. Tugs, \$160 n.

Indo-China, (Dof.) \$721 b.

Shell Trans., 1187 b.

Union Waterboats, \$231 b.

Mineral.

Bonguets, \$2.50 b.

Kailans, 75/ n.

Langkats, Tls. 11 n.

Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b.

Rauha, \$51 b.

Tronchs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.

China Providents \$5.10 s.

Hongkows, Tls. 156 n.

New Engineering, Tls. 51 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.30 b.

Oriental, Tls. 2.40 s.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 641 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.40 s.

H. K. Lands, \$651 b.

Shai Lands, Tls. 138 b.

Humphreys, \$15.50 s.

Realities, \$8.75 n. X Div.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$19.80 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.

Star Ferries, \$671 s.

China Lights, (Old) \$12.40 s.

H. K. Electric, \$521 s.

Macao Electric, \$261 s.

Telephones \$5.65 X Rights n.

China Buses, Tls. 11 b.

Singapore Traction, 12/- n.

Industrial.

China Sugars, 9/ b.

Malabons, \$221 b.

Canton Ice, \$3.50 s.

Coments (Comb) \$9 s.

Ropes (Old) \$7.60 n.

United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.50 s.

Watsons, \$14 s.

Dor A. Wink, \$80 b.

Lane Crawfords, \$305 n.

Mackintosh, \$20 n.

Sinceres, \$9.50 b.

Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$281 s.

Constructions, \$1.50 b.

B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$66 s.

H. K. G. Loan \$2 s. Prem. Interest

"RAMONA."

DOLORES DEL RIO'S LATEST PICTURE.

"Ramona," Dolores del Rio's first picture for United Artists arrives at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow and will be screened until Saturday according to a special advertisement in this issue. The story has been adapted from Helen Hunt Jackson's famous novel which vividly describes the many love affairs of a fiery-tempered young Indian maid. It is laid against the colourful background of California in the days of the Spanish Dons. The production has been given a lavish setting by its director Edmond Carew who also directed Miss del Rio in her memorable picture "Requiem." The producer has not deviated from the original story and all the glorious romance, thrills, laughs and passions that entered the life of "Ramona" have been vividly and impressively caught by the camera. A new departure in film titles is among the many new features of the film. Hitherto titles have been white or gold against black, but black lettering against a white background is the method used in "Ramona." An exceptionally brilliant cast of players supports the star and includes Warner Baxter, Roland Drew, Vera Lewis and Carlos Amor.

Queen Maud of Norway, visiting the New Health Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall, made purchases at almost every stall, so that two page boys were laden with over 50 packages.

OUR BERLIN LETTER.

RAMSAY MACDONALD IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Nov. 8.

In response to an invitation of the German Committee for International Discussion, Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, the leader of the British Labour Party, came to Berlin about a fortnight ago and addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering in the Reichstag. The subject of his speech was "The world will be peace" and "Mutual confidence among the nations."

The almost youthful and athletic figure of this hearty-headed statesman and his energetic and animated style of delivery made a great impression upon his hearers, especially in the passages in which he vigorously attacked secret alliances in international politics. Mr. Macdonald's visit was the prelude to a series of similar events to be arranged by the Committee for International Discussion, a committee comprising a number of leading parliamentarians of every party and other public men in Germany.

Berlin in a Flood of Light.

While Ramsay Macdonald, with his advocacy of the maxim "peace means confidence" was endeavouring to light the way to a better future in international politics, the building in which he stood was flooded with light outside. Berlin's "Week of Light" had begun and its programme included, above all, the illumination of the chief public buildings, museums and town halls, palaces and fountains, Brandenburg Gate and the Column of Victory, churches and cathedrals—all were outlined with thousands of electric lamps or lit up by enormous searchlights. The tramway cars ran past them like glowing serpents; above them flew illuminated aeroplanes carrying passengers desirous of obtaining a bird's-eye view of this festival of light. In the Tempelhofer Aerodrome from which they had come, a big sham performance by the Berlin Fire Brigade and a magnificent fireworks display took place. The Taunsteinstrasse, the chief business thoroughfare of the west, was especially arranged to interest strangers and foreigners; by means of brilliantly illuminated balloons showing the colours of all the various countries, it was converted into the "Street of Nations." Light is alluring; on the very first night of this wonderful show, it lured hundreds of thousands of sightseers; and they came in such crowds despite the downpour of rain which failed completely in its efforts to damp the spirits of the Berlin public.

Hindenburg Popular.

One of the sightseers was Frau Helene Meyer, the chief prize-winner in fencing at the recent Olympic Games. That she was able to be present in Berlin on this occasion she owed to no less a person than President von Hindenburg himself. He had presented to him the German prize-winners in the contest at Amsterdam, and, learning that Frau Meyer was expected next day at her school in the west of Germany, had personally obtained permission for her to remain and see Berlin lighted up. This little incident is typical of the appreciative interest taken in young people by this popular Head of State. And the young people show their appreciation of him in return; wherever a crowd of children catch sight of him, they greet him most heartily; when, for instance, he visited the International Luftfahrtausstellung (ILA) he was met, at every turn, by the joyful shouts of the scholars who were also being shown the marvellous exhibits of modern aviation.

Great Success of the "ILA."

The International Exhibition of Aviation has been a gigantic success. If it had been possible to duplicate it, "overflow meetings" might not be the gates had to be closed more than once. Even on the last day of the exhibition, 60,000 people passed through them. Many of the visitors were prominent foreigners who had been induced to come to Berlin to see the exhibition. Most of them were experts who came from all parts of Europe by aircraft. All of them expressed their admiration of what they saw and of the vast progress that has recently been made in aviation—more particularly in Germany. Mr. Strout, Henry Ford's flying manager, said: "The 'ILA' is not only a great international success, it is also a world success, for Germany." This success, confirmed by the judgment of the London Aeronautical Society, passed on the exhibition; he said it was the finest aviation exhibition the world had yet seen. Similar opinions were expressed by other foreign experts, among them Senor Soriano, the Spanish Air Minister, Mr. Vickers, the famous English aircraft builder, and the well-known French sporting correspondent, M. Mortane. Thus, once again, the German capital has exercised its great attraction as the "Air Centre of Europe" and has acquired further international significance.

Festival of the Pan-Iberians.

The year's Fiesta de la Raza in Berlin began with a demonstration around the monument to Alexander von Humboldt in front of the Uni-

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P and O Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is opened day and night.

All particulars as to ships in Communication, rates etc. may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

It is notified for general information that dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.



The dinner gown at the left has a bloused bodice, draped skirt and white gardenias. Centre is an accordion pleated skirt, cut circular, with a dipping back. The tiered skirt, dipping backline and a lovely bertha give distinction to a dinner gown.

Women Keep Young.

THE WAY OF AESTHETIC
SURGERY.

Will aesthetic surgery achieve for women the age-long dream of Eternal Youth? It has been said, by a woman, of course, that women die twice over—the first time being when they realize that they are old. If you wish to know when that happens you may remember that a woman is as old as she looks.

In New York, in London, and in Paris, where the best-known of such aesthetic surgeons is a woman, wonderful things are being done by the process, which may be briefly described as "lifting the skin" or "taking a tuck in." The sagging and wrinkling of the skin caused by the constant use of the face muscles, as Frenchwomen use them in speech as well as in emotional strain, soon produce these ageing lines. The operation itself is tedious, but the tiny incision is scarcely visible, and the hair can be arranged to hide it until the scar heals, which it quickly does. The process is not too painful or exhausting, it would seem, for after six hours in the hands of the surgeon a client has been able to go to a reception.

Why Are We Shocked? We are rather shocked, perhaps, to hear of this tampering with our own skin, but it is curious how we become accustomed to all the stages of beauty cultivation—or rather, preservation. Think of the prejudices against false hair, of how, two generations ago, they dreaded the thought of false teeth! To-day we give thought and care to, and spend much money upon, our hair, our teeth, our eyes, our nails. Shall we in the future visit the aesthetic surgeon and preserve our youth?

Do not say that this is merely vanity. If it comes to that, "all

Life Goes On.

Life goes on. Oh, never heed
The pessimist who says it
falls.

It disappoints and hurts and
thwarts
Each one of us, but never
stales!

Life goes on. We only pause
To dream of past things, dwell
on gloom.
In life there's always movement,
motive,
New zest for which we must
make room.

Life goes on. However sad
Or dull you may be at this
hour,
The tyrant life with stinging
sweetness
Will once more wake you to
its power!

THELMA COOMBS.

is vanity"—especially in beauty parlours. But there is a more serious side to the matter. Women of to-day are not only social anti-fakes. They are professional workers, clerks, shopkeepers and competitors of men. In many cases they find themselves doomed to the position of Othello, their occupation gone, not because they are old but because they look old before their time.

In their case it is not vanity but sheer necessity that drives them. For the present, manipulative surgery is an expensive luxury. Some day there may be middle-class clinics where women with moderate incomes may go for restorative treatment, paying an annual or bi-annual visit to the surgeon in the same way as nowadays they send children half yearly to the dentist.

After all, if it is permissible to wear dentures, to touch up grey

The Chocolate Cure.

BIG INCREASE IN SALES OF
THE SWEETMEAT.

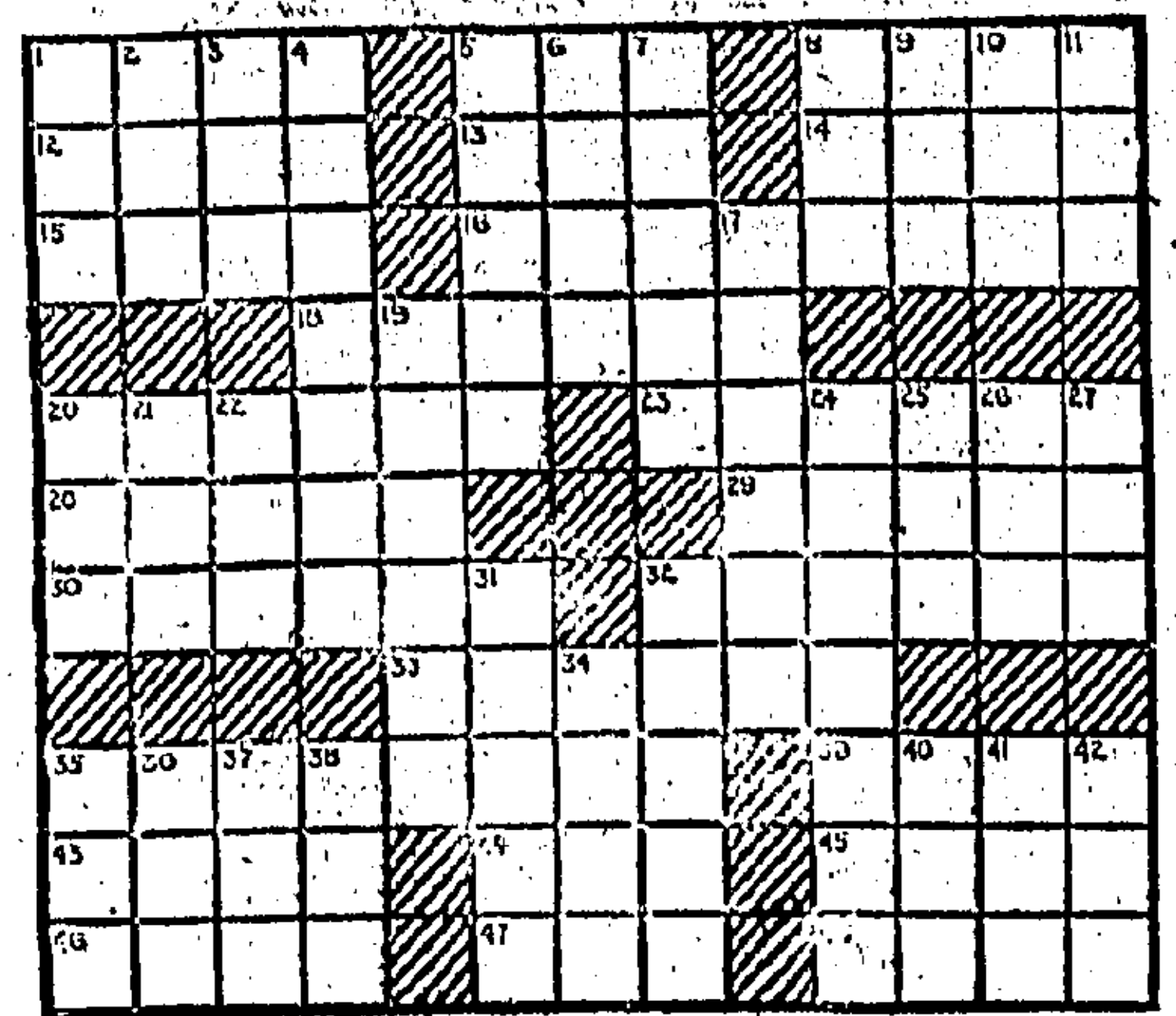
Although the wholesale experts may talk about a slump in the cocoa trade, manufacturers and sellers of high-class chocolates maintain that chocolate-eating, far from dying out, is actually on the increase. One of the latest and certainly one of the most pleasant "cures" for those who over-smoke or over-drink is the chocolate cure.

In the list of 5,000 Customers. One of the leading dealers in Mayfair now has upon his registered list of 5,000 customers a number of men, who started eating chocolates in order to cure themselves of excess either in drink or smoking. "The number of men who eat chocolates has thus actually increased considerably since the war," he stated. "On the whole they prefer chocolate peppermints to any other flavour. Plain chocolate pastilles, once made almost exclusively for children, are much in demand among smokers. Most of the men who eat a lot of chocolate have given up smoking altogether, but women seem to be able to combine the two tastes."

Americans Lying in Stocks. "American visitors to West End chocolate shops are amazed at the varieties offered at reasonable prices and at the quality of British chocolate compared with the Continental kinds. The duty on chocolate taken into the U.S.A. has been reduced to 33 1/3 per cent. from 50 per cent., and Americans of both sexes are occasionally hard at work seeing how many boxes they can manage to pack into their trunks."

hair, to massage for double chin, who says that it is a wicked tampering with Nature to try to get rid of wrinkles?—LILY BRIDGE in Glasgow Herald.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



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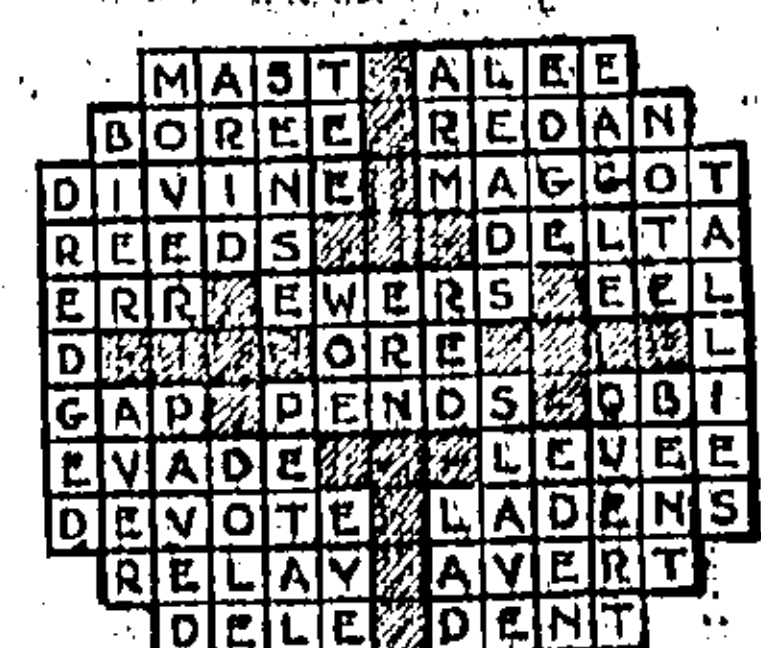
- 1 Injury.
- 5 Aeriform fuel.
- 8 Caterpillar hair.
- 12 Melody.
- 18 To injure by exposure.
- 14 Schema.
- 15 Average.
- 16 Largest fresh-water fish.
- 18 To compose and write.
- 20 Small wig.
- 23 Wandering.
- 28 Pathway between tiers of seats.
- 20 Skirmish.
- 30 Sheds blood.
- 32 Pillaged.
- 33 Ligulate.
- 35 A beautifier.
- 39 Street.
- 43 Region.
- 44 Type of poetry.
- 45 Brim.
- 46 To throb.
- 47 Guided.
- 48 Paradise.

Vertical

- 1 Smoked thigh of a hog.
- 2 Exist.
- 3 Inlet.
- 4 Priest's ornamental scarf.
- 5 The rate of ascent or descent.
- 6 Pertaining to air.
- 7 Condition.
- 8 Mineral spring.
- 9 Prophet who trained Samuel.

- 10 Child's cap.
- 11 Of each an equal quantity.
- 17 Iconoclast.
- 19 Sewing implement.
- 20 Tiny flap.
- 21 To lubricate.
- 22 To employ.
- 24 Umphre.
- 25 Every.
- 26 Born.
- 27 To scatter hay.
- 28 Yuccalike plant.
- 32 Speeded.
- 34 To drive.
- 35 Taxi.
- 36 Native metal.
- 37 Ocean.
- 38 Door rug.
- 40 Queer.
- 41 Era.
- 42 Home of a wild animal.

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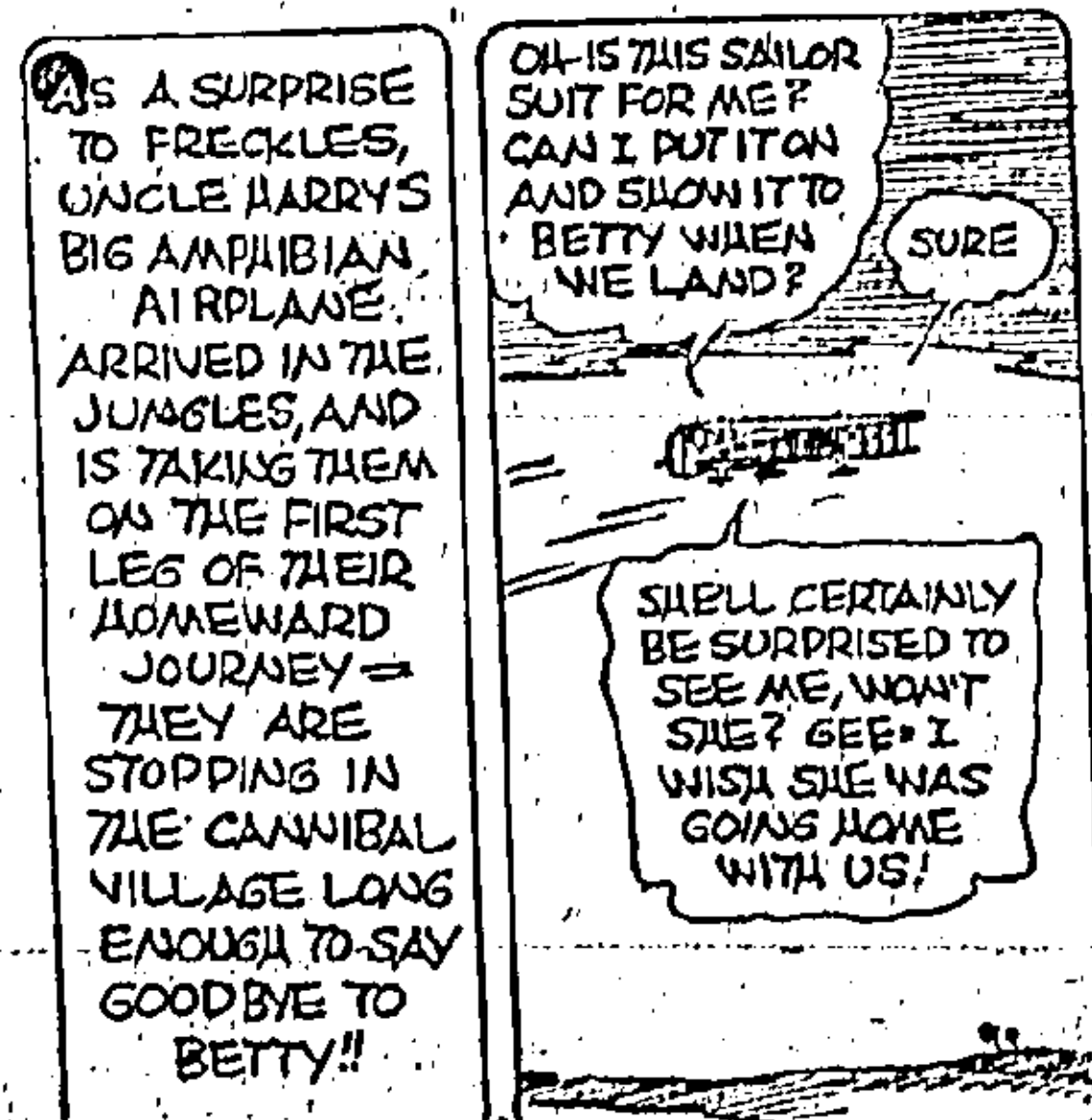
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Last month the 600,000th telephone was installed in the London area, which includes more than one-third of the 1,730,000 telephones in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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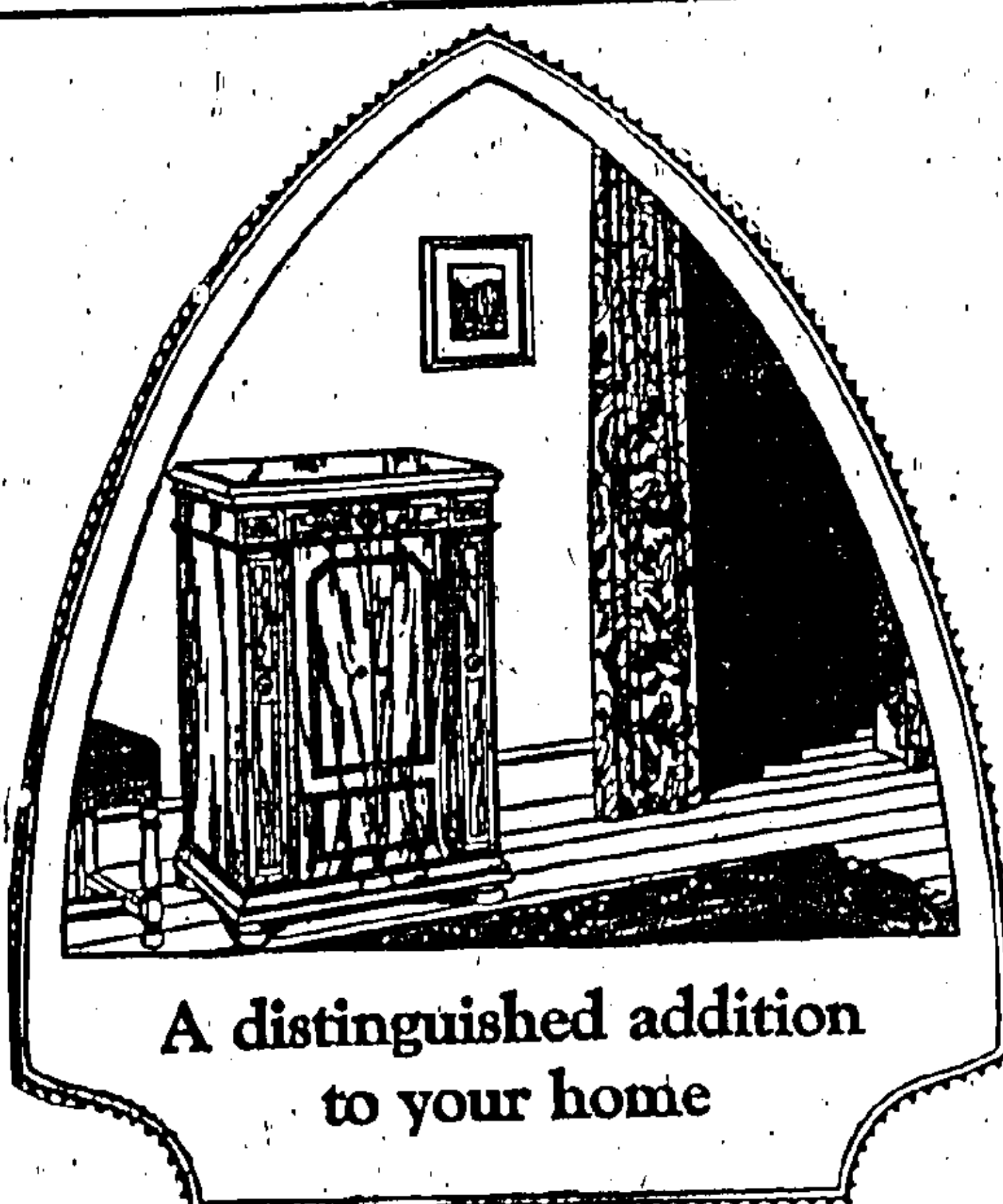
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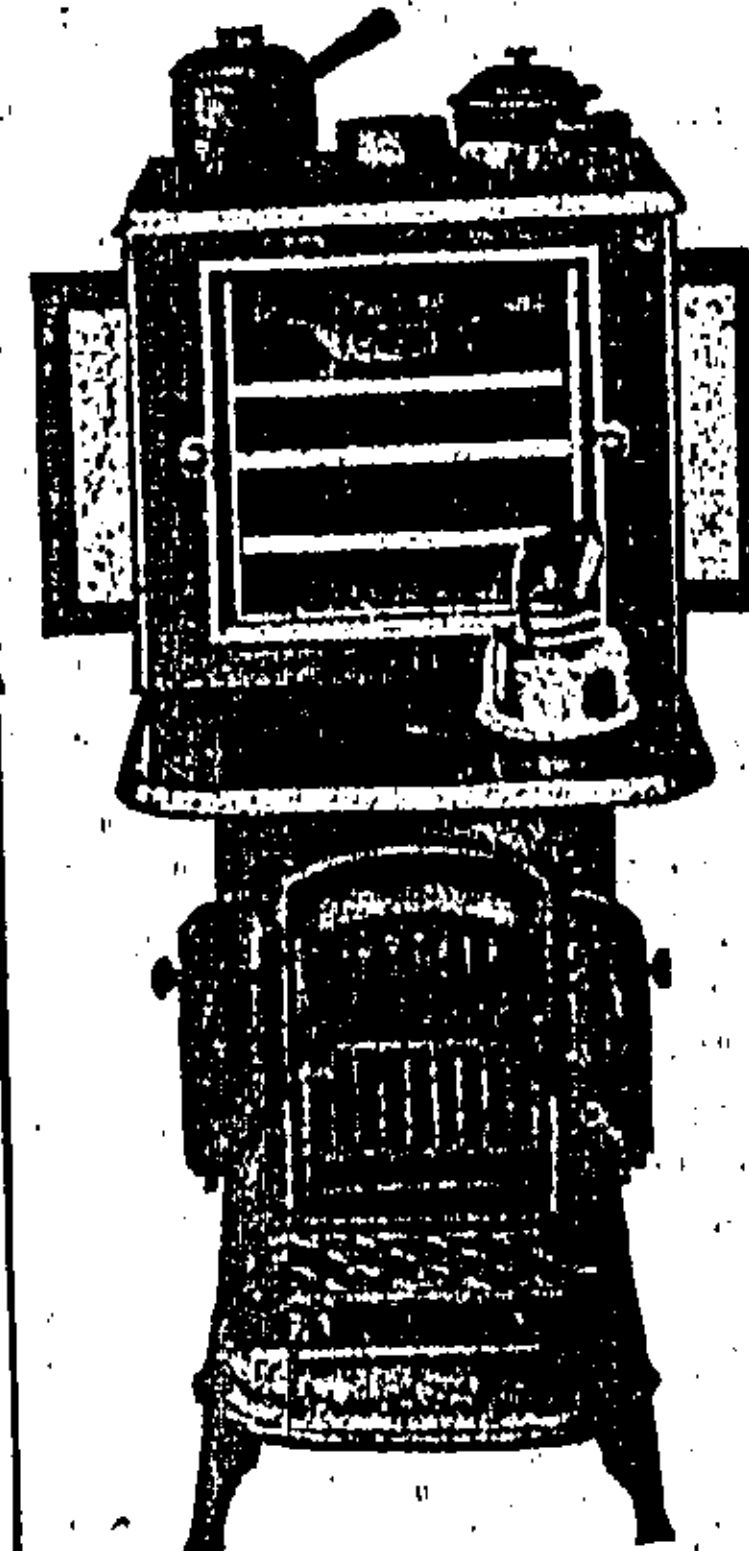
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Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4, 1928.

AVIATION PROGRESS.

To those interesting themselves in the encouragement of civil aviation in China, recent developments have been most reassuring. Canton's belief in the necessity of establishing regular air line services is well known, and the recent long-distance flights which have been made by airmen from that city have at least illustrated some of the possibilities. In other parts of the country also marked progress is being made in the realm of flying, in which connexion the intended activities of the Wuhan Civil Aerial Services Association are worth noting. Amongst the machines which this body is to order are four de Havilland Moths, which have proved their worth in many flights recently. In course of time, Hongkong hopes to figure prominently in aviation, although experience has shown that officialdom moves slowly when it comes to establishing new ventures of this kind. This Colony is admirably situated for co-operation in aerial developments in the Far East, and it is sincerely to be hoped that there will not be much more delay in providing us with the facilities to enable us to take our rightful place in future services in this part of the world.

Turning from the East to the Homeland, it is extremely gratifying to note the steady progress which is being made in all branches of civil aviation. As recently reported, railway companies are applying for Parliamentary powers to run their own services, whilst civil flying clubs are seeking to develop private flying by the formation of a big company, and the Air Ministry has requested municipalities to be on the look-out for ground suitable for aerodromes. These are hopeful signs of a new outlook upon flying in Great Britain. In some regards, Britain has lagged behind in commercial aviation since the war. This has not been due to any lack of skilful pilots or efficient machines, but largely to the geographical circumstance that has put the country in the position of one of Europe's flying termini. For that reason, we cannot hope to radiate air services all over Europe, as some of the Continental countries are doing, for we are only on the fringe of Europe's flying activities. When trans-Atlantic flying is established beyond the danger point, there

will probably be a different story to tell, whilst we can also look with satisfaction on the Imperial services which will radiate from the Old Country.

Within Britain, there is ample evidence of the growing enthusiasm for civil flying, the advantages of which are becoming apparent to business men, who would gladly seize the opportunity of saving many hours of their time by travelling in the air if regular services were available, whilst there are hundreds more who would readily take to flying if the safety, speed and comfort of this form of transport were brought fully home to them. Those whose duty it is to popularise flying are now busy demonstrating that the modern passenger aeroplane is as safe as any vehicle of transport, even if not actually safer, and in due time this campaign to induce the public to become more "air-minded" will no doubt reap its due reward. Of the value of flying there cannot be the least shadow of doubt, and it is some satisfaction to feel that Britain is determined to make up past leeway and to occupy a leading place in this sphere of human activity.

That Naval Proposal.

Secretary of State Kellogg, the peace-maker, shows no disposition to condone the indiscretion of Chairman of Naval Affairs Committee Britten, the originator of the unofficial proposal for an unofficial naval conference between the United States and Great Britain. It is understood in New York that Mr. Kellogg has intimated that he has no intention of being a channel of communication between the two Governments in this connexion, and Mr. Baldwin's reply will, in the circumstances, have to be returned as unalterable. It seems therefore that Mr. Britten's suggestion will go the way of the Anglo-French naval compromise, another sincere and good-intentioned effort to bring about a reduction of naval armaments, and perhaps it is just as well. The Anglo-French effort demonstrated conclusively that private negotiations and public diplomacy do not mix; Mr. Britten proposed a mixture of public negotiations and private diplomacy which appear even more hopelessly incompatible. It has been disapproved by American public opinion, and the nature of Mr. Baldwin's reply, now to hand, does not consist of an enthusiastic consent. Meanwhile, we are expecting very shortly the publication of the British reply to the United States Note of September 28, when Washington affirmed its desire to renew discussion. The issue has been approached on all sides with a conciliatory attitude, but we see no reason why the renewal of negotiations should not wait until 1931, when the Washington Treaty, limiting capital ships is due for reconsideration. The problem of extending its operation to other classes of ships could be met then, with an example of ten years of successful operation of a Treaty as a happy augury. By that time, also, the Kellogg Pact may possibly have become definitely defined and perceived.

CORRESPONDENCE.

BAD SPORTSMANSHIP.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I hope you will kindly spare me a little space in your paper for local football. Recently there have been instances of striking and wilfully kicking opponents in local matches, and in Saturday's game between the R. A. and South China a player was actually struck. I am surprised to see such a spirit on a football field, and in this instance but for the strictness and fairness of the referee some-one might have been seriously hurt.

Will not the Football Association take a serious view of these cases and do something to extinguish this kind of spirit so that the spectators may have the chance to see a good and sporting game? Should this spirit continue on sporting fields the idea of concord clubs, which have been discussed recently, will be nothing more than a dream.—Yours, etc.,

SPORTING.

[Hongkong, Dec. 3rd, 1928.]

DAY BY DAY.

PREFER LOSS BEFORE UNJUST GAIN; FOR THAT BRINGS GRIEF BUT ONCE; THIS FOR EVER.—Chillon.

The P. and O. s.s. Jeypore, from Moji, is due here at daylight tomorrow.

The Ben Line s.s. Benrinnes, from Singapore, is due here on the 9th instant.

The Empress of Russia left Shanghai at 2 p.m. to-day and is due here on Thursday morning.

An amended notification states that the P. and O. s.s. Mantua, from Singapore, is due here at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

Rainfall was recorded at the Botanical Gardens on seven days during November, but the total fall was only 0.94-inch.

We are asked to state that bookings for the Automobile Association's dinner, dance at the Peninsula Hotel, on the 14th inst., are still open.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Lo Poon-pak, alias Lo Pak-wai, alias Lo Cheung-ll, of 12, Centre Street, who according to a police report is wanted for the alleged embezzlement of \$1,813.91, the money of the Kwong On Yuen firm.

A steerage passenger of the President Cleveland, named Cheung Man, fifty-three years of age, a native of the San Wui district, was arrested by the Water Police yesterday for possession of five revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Regarding the armed robbery in Wuhu Street, reported elsewhere in this issue, it transpires that one of the folk made an attempt to raise a hue and cry against the intruders, but his efforts were cut short when one of the robbers fired a shot at him.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, together with H.M.S. Suffolk and H.M.S. Berwick, arrived at Yokohama on Sunday. H.M.S. Bluebell left Weihaiwei for Pagoda Anchorage on Monday, the Magnolia arriving at Pagoda Anchorage from Amoy. H.M.S. Cornflower arrived in Hongkong this morning.

According to a report made by Mr. Wong Yau, manager of Wang Bros., of No. 10, Pottinger Street, his firm has been robbed of a new Underwood Typewriter, valued at \$275. It was sold to a man who claimed to be the manager of the Yu Wah Co. After delivering the machine, it was discovered that the Yu Wah Company was no longer in existence, having gone bankrupt some time ago.

SECOND CANTON FLIGHT.

AIRMEN REACH FOCHOW AND DEPART.

News has been received by Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler of the progress of the second long-distance flight from Canton, which is being made by General Chan Hing-wai, commander of the Bocca Tigra Fort, accompanied by three other airmen.

Their machine is named the "Pearl River," and they are making a flight from Canton to Manchuria and back.

To-day's news is that they arrived at Fochow at 3.15 p.m. on Saturday and left there on Monday at 8.45 a.m. for Hangchow.

BRANCH POLITICAL COUNCILS.

SEVEN PROVINCES RESENT ABOLITION.

Shanghai, Dec. 3. It is reported that political and military heads of Chihli, Hunan, Hubei, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan and Kweichow Provinces contemplate sending a joint proposal to the National Government, some time before the opening of the Third Kuomintang National Congress, protesting against the decision to abolish the Provincial Political Councils, now functioning at Canton, Hankow, Kailfeng, Peking and Taiyuanfu.

The two first-named Councils are under the administration of the well-known political faction, the Kwangsi Clique, headed by Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Li Chung-ying of Hankow, whilst the other two Councils are under the jurisdiction of Marshal Yen Hai-shan.

Marshal Yen is said to have wired to General Li Chung-ying agreeing to the proposed protest.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Police Training School.

Classes for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, December 4th, and 11th, at 6.00 p.m.

On the same dates at 5.30 p.m. sharp, instruction will be given in the handling and aiming of revolver.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Canton.

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—An American once acted as executioner here?

This was in 1849 when six pirates who had been captured by H.M.S. Inflexible were found guilty and sentenced to death. The duty of executioner was entrusted to an American, whose brother had been killed by pirates some years before.

In 1862, six Portuguese seamen who had committed murder and piracy on the British barque Herald were sentenced to death, and on this occasion the hangman was a coloured American prisoner whose term of imprisonment was remitted for his services.

trai for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, December 6th, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Muff.

Chinese Company.

The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Friday, December 7th, at 6.00 p.m. and Monday, December 10th, at 6.00 p.m.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company, are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, December 4th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 4th. Fall in at the Tsim-ta-tui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

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Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Members are reminded that revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, December 9th, at 10.00 a.m.; they will assemble at the range at that hour with revolvers and belts.

Equipment.

The attention of members of the Chinese Company and of other units are drawn to G. O. No. 68 dated November 6th, and instructions contained therein must be adhered to. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R). Adjutant.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 3.
Paris	124.10
New York	485.3/82
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.35
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.19
Oso	18.19
Vienna	84.405
Prague	103 1/2
Helsingfors	192 1/2
Madrid	80.045
Lisbon	108 1/2
Athens	87 1/2
Bucharest	80 1/2
Buenos Aires	5.29/82
Bombay	47.7/16
Shanghai	1/6.1/82
Hongkong	2/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10.25/82
Silver (forward)	25.9/16
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

Following a discussion in which Admiral Sheen, a guardian, said he played bridge on Sundays, the Chertsey guardians decided to withdraw a suggested prohibition of Sunday games in the workhouse recreation room.

The Very Idea!

M. Robert Esnault Pelterie, the pioneer French designer of aeroplanes and aeroplane engines, whose monoplane was flying as long ago as 1909, believes that in thirty years' time man will fly in a rocket apparatus to a height of a hundred miles, and that at that height he will be able to measure the amount of energy which the sun pours upon each unit of surface.

If the disintegration of the atom becomes possible, so, he argues, will interplanetary travel. Disintegration of the atom takes place in radium, but it is not yet controllable. When man discovers how to control the disintegration of the atom he will be able to do many things which at present seem beyond belief.

M. Esnault Pelterie holds the view that there can be little more reduction of air resistance in the aeroplane, and that future progress in aviation will depend more upon improvements in the engine, which will be paraffin, not petrol, driven, and will be very much lighter.

Professor Kerr Grant, of Adelaide University, has expressed the opinion that interplanetary communication will be feasible in the future. He has put forward the theory that some form of other plane, propelled like the tail of a comet by light pressure from its own body may be the future form of interplanetary locomotion.

"That is a falsehood!" said the school teacher, severely. "Do you know what will happen to you if you tell lies?"

"Yes'm," nonchalantly replied Tommy. "I'll go to hell and burn."

"Worse than that! You will be expelled from school."

[A carriage builder has left £1,000 in his will for the institution of prizes in connexion with improvements in motor body building]

The body of my motor is beautiful to see, With cellulose and nickel And soft upholstery. Folk murmur "Gosh! how very posh!" Which always pleases me.

The body of my motor Exhibits pleasing lines, And when 'tis washed and polished, Yea, even to the nines, Its various parts must win all hearts, So smart are their designs.

The body of my motor is excellently sprung. It is an easy winner. A hundred cars among But did it need or power or speed I'd feel I had been stung.

It is the swift responding To gadget and control That thrills my inmost being As on my way I roll. Bodies are well, but, truth to tell, The engine is the soul.

"I imagine that a potman ought to be as discreet as a police sergeant or a metropolitan magistrate," Mr. Cairns, the Thames magistrate.

"A husband likes his wife to be grateful when he pays her the housekeeping money," Mr. Lake, the Wilkesden magistrate.

An Army sergeant who was summoned at Woolwich for a maintenance order said he idolised his wife, who was the best-dressed woman in the barracks.

Colonel Lammon on opening, at the Crystal Palace, London, the sixth annual exhibition of bees and honey organized by the Kent and Surrey Beekeepers' Association, drew attention to Lady Margaret of Modena, a queen bee which had arrived the day before, alive and well, after making the unprecedented journey of 8,500 miles by post from America. Colonel Lammon suggested that as soon as communication by air was regularly established between Europe and America it would greatly improve the breeding of bees, as it would form a means of rapid transit of queen bees, with little danger to their lives.

A schoolgirl flapper, possessing a long pigtail and plenty of cheek, had been spending her holidays in Germany. Before returning home she wrote and asked her father what present she should bring him.

He jokingly replied, "Oh, bring me along a thousand cigars."

The flapper accordingly bought and packed them, being warned by the hostess that she would be required to declare them.

The usual question was asked her at the port of disembarkation, "Anything to declare?"

"Yes," said the flapper, "a thousand cigars; here are my keys."

"Now, then," replied the Customs official, "none of that lip, pass on."

The flapper passed on, and father got his cigars.

MISS THOMPSON MURDER.

FLAT DENIAL BY THE ACCUSED CHINESE.

AFTER FULL CONFESSIONS ON SCENE OF CRIME.

A HAWKER'S STORY.

Shanghai, Nov. 30. Sensation was caused in the Provisional Court yesterday when the three men charged with the murder of Miss Dorothy Thompson and the wounding of Mr. Dudley Law on Kowloon Road, on October 3, flatly denied all knowledge of the crime, notwithstanding that they had all made full confessions to the police, both at the station, and on the scene of the crime, and in the face of other evidence.

One witness was a Chinese who had shared a cell with the trio and got into their confidence. He testified that he had been told specifically by one of the accused, the complete story of the crime in substantially the same detail as built up by the police.

But when confronted with this former cell mate, the alleged murderer inquired of the judge what the whole matter was about.

Not true.

"This statement you signed," said the Court, "is it true?"

"No," was the reply.

"Then why did you sign it?"

"I was told to by a friend."

"Did you take part in the murder of these foreigners who were killed on Kowloon Road?"

"I've never been on Kowloon Road and I know nothing about any foreigners being killed."

The other two accused were equally positive in their denials.

The Ringleaders.

The three charged came before Judge Chen and Mr. C. E. Whitmore in a party of 13, including four women, who are alleged by the police to be one of the most desperate armed gangs operating in the International Settlement.

In opening the case the police prosecutor, Mr. R. T. Bryan, said that the police had not sufficient evidence against 10 of the accused and asked the Court to release them, but he believed the evidence against three of the party proved without question their participation in what had come to be called the Kowloon Road crime and asked that they be detained for trial.

The Court acquiesced and only the three ringleaders were detained. They were, Tsang Au Mau, 29 yrs., unemployed, Wong Ah Ping, 28 yrs., also unemployed, and Kwai Ching Woo, 26 yrs., coolie. Against them there are 13 charges of murder, attempted murder, and extortion beside numerous lesser charges of armed robbery, etc. Mr. Bryan said that they were undoubtedly some of the worst criminals in Shanghai. He then related the familiar story of the murder of Miss Thompson and the shooting of Mr. Dudley Law. Four Chinese were believed to have been concerned in the crime, but only these three had been caught.

Identified by the Hawker.

Amongst the witnesses called was Ching Ah Sz, who said he was 35 years of age and was a hawker of cabbages. He testified that some time in the ninth moon he had visited a tea shop called Zung Loh at Ong Tsung and that he had met three or four men sitting gambling at a table, who were discussing a recent murder of two foreigners and complained that they derived "no benefit" as there was little or nothing in the handbag.

The affair, he learned, took place in the Western District and he said that the men, after recounting other armed robberies and shootings, stated that in the future they would have to confine their activities to "foreigners with property."

Later on November 15 or 16 after he had mentioned the conversation to some friends he was approached by a man named Yeh who on hearing the story asked him to go to the police station and tell it to the authorities. He did as requested and was then shown some 40 Chinese prisoners lined up, among whom he identified the man who did the talking at the tea shop. He had no difficulty in spotting him because of the man's long hair and pointed out the second accused in the Court room yesterday as the man.

Det. Sgt. Claud White of the Louza Station, was then called and identified the statements by the accused in which they made a general confession of the crime and which the police officer said were obtained without intimidation of any kind.

The confession had been made in the presence of three foreign police officials and three Chinese police constables.

Confession on the Spot.

Other witnesses called were C.D.C. 31, Chief Detective Inspector James R. Quynle and Acting Assistant Commissioner of Crime

BOATBUILDING "CHEAPJACKS."

ON CROWN LAND WITHOUT PAYING RENT.

Three boat builders, who established themselves in business in a small way on a piece of vacant ground at Tai Kok Tsui had their undertakings brought to a temporary termination yesterday when Mr. A. Burford, arrested them for trespassing on Crown Land. Charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, defendants admitted the offence and were fined \$5 each.

Mr. Burford informed his Worship that he had warned defendants to vacate the ground and to remove their erections. By carrying on business on Crown Land without paying rent, defendants were able to build boats at a much cheaper rate than other builders.

U. S. PRESIDENT'S SON.

ENGAGED TO GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER.

Hartford (Conn.), Nov. 28.

Coinciding with the celebration of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, Governor and Mrs. John H. Trumbull to-day formally announced the engagement of their daughter, Florence, to John Coolidge, son of President and Mrs. Coolidge.

That Miss Trumbull and John Coolidge would be married has been an open secret for months, and the announcement of their engagement had been expected for some time.

After Miss Trumbull had been a guest at the White House recently, it was rumoured that the marriage would take place at the executive mansion before President Coolidge retires from office.

THE "SINO-FRENCH TREATY."

NEGOTIATIONS TO OPEN SHORTLY.

Shanghai, Dec. 4.

A high official attached to the Foreign Office has arrived at Shanghai from Nanking and brought with him important documents relating to the revision of the Sino-French Treaty.

It is understood that the official will open negotiations with the French Minister and as soon as an agreement is arrived at, they will proceed to Nanking to sign the same.—Nam Ching Pao.

PRECEDENCE ON A PARKING STAND.

PUBLIC DRIVER INVOLVED IN QUARREL.

An argument between four motor-car drivers at the Star Ferry parking stand during the tiffin interval yesterday resulted in the arrest of three of the men by an Indian constable. They were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with disorderly conduct. The quarrel was said to have arisen when one driver tried to park his car in front of another. All defendants were bound over to be of good behaviour.

R.A.F. MACHINES.

TO BE MADE OF METAL IN FUTURE.

London, Dec. 3.

In the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Minister for Air, stated that no more Air Force machines would be constructed of wood.

The reason, he said, was that metal was the more workable and more economical material.—Reuter.

Harold Peck, who gave evidence that to the best of their knowledge the confessions of the trio were not obtained by means of intimidation.

Furthermore Mr. Peck testified that he had personally taken each of the three to the scene of the crime alone and that each had given him the whole story of their own free will and with very little variation. He had warned them that the statement would be used against them at the Court hearing and they answered that they did not care. He was satisfied there was no intimidation by the police.

The accused were then called in and gave the flat denials mentioned above. Try as he would, the Judge could get nothing tangible from them beyond that they knew absolutely nothing about the entire affair and in obvious desperation he remanded the case until December 5.

STILL MORE NEW BANKNOTES.

A FRESH ISSUE OF \$100 DENOMINATION.

SLIGHTLY SMALLER.

In accordance with their policy of substituting notes of new design for those already in circulation, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will shortly issue new \$100 notes.

The new notes, the predominant colour of which is cerise, are slightly smaller than those of the same denomination previously issued.

In conformity with the new notes of lesser value already current in Hongkong, the outstanding feature of the design is the head of Britannia and the numerals "100" watermarked in an otherwise blank space. On the front at the left hand side is an allegorical figure representing "The Law" which is balanced by a scalloped oval with the watermark already commented upon.

The Bank crest, the denomination in words, the serial number (twice) and the usual superscription occupy the centre of the note, whilst at each corner is a small circle containing the figures "100" three of them having the Chinese characters for "100" in close proximity. The background, particularly at the centre, is of a polychrome nature.

The reverse has the familiar view of the Bank premises as a centrepiece flanked by two oblongs, that on the left backing the watermarked oval of the front whilst the one on the right contains an ornamental shield inscribed: "100 Dollars." The figures "100" and the Chinese characters for "100" are twice incorporated in the design and the serial number is shown at each corner.

The notes are dated 1st October, 1927, have the signature of the Hon. Mr. A. G. Hynes, Chief Manager, lithographed, and will bear original signatures of various members of the Bank staff on behalf of the Chief Accountant.

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POLICE FIND FIVE REVOLVERS.

STEERAGE PASSENGER UNDER ARREST.

A Chinese steerage passenger who arrived in Hongkong by the President Cleveland yesterday, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on a charge of being in unlawful possession of five revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the defendant and intimated that he would enter a plea of not guilty. Mr. Brooks asked his Worship to consider the question of bail.

Inspector Ogg applied for the case to be heard by two Magistrates.

His Worship remarked that it might be more convenient for Mr. Brooks and the second Magistrate if the case were heard at the Central Magistrate's Court, subject, of course, to the convenience of the Police.

His Worship said that if the defence applied for bail it would have to be \$10,000 at the least, as the offence was a serious one.

The defendant was formally remanded until Thursday.

HONGKONG'S LATEST VENTURE.

ARTISTIC FLOWER SHOP OPENED.

The announcement that a flower shop has opened in Hongkong should be a welcome one, for although the array of blooms to be seen at the Colony's famous "Flower Street" provides a pleasing riot of colour, it is not always convenient to make purchases from this *à fresco* market. Now that a business has been inaugurated which aims at supplying cut blooms, plants, decorated floral baskets, etc., shopping will be much more convenient, and, furthermore, individual tastes will be more easily catered for.

"The Clover Flower Shop," for that is the name of the new shop, receives fresh assortments of blooms, etc., every morning from its own gardens, and orders can be placed for any particular colour schemes for house, wedding, or party decorations.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

SHAMEEN TENNIS.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

The following are the results of the first and second rounds of the Men's Championship Singles of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club:

First Round:—Byes, C. E. Watson, Mr. Gavin, V. E. C. Ferrier, J. H. Sutcliffe, L. B. Wood, M. A. Annett, P. Gandossi defeated J. Krabbe 8/6, 6/3, 6/1; J. Mareschal defeated J. H. M. Andrew 6/4, 6/3, 6/1; A. T. Lay defeated A. E. Prichard 6/0, 6/3, 6/3; A. L. Tuson defeated W. F. Gilman 6/3, 6/3, 6/4; J. C. H. Bonbright defeated W. F. Arndt 6/1, 6/4, 6/3. Byes, J. Bjuke, K. Neckelman, F. E. W. Lammer, J. Platt, J. A. Summers.

Second Round:—C. E. Watson defeated M. Gavin 6/0, 6/0, 6/0; V. E. C. Ferrier defeated J. H. Sutcliffe 6/4, 6/2, 6/3; M. A. Annett defeated L. B. Wood 6/1, 6/1, 6/3; J. Mareschal defeated P. Gandossi 7/5, 6/1, 6/2; A. T. Lay defeated A. L. Tuson 6/4, 3/6, 6/3, 3/6, 6/2; J. C. H. Bonbright defeated J. Bjuke 6/4, 6/3, 6/3; P. E. W. Lammer defeated K. Neckelman 6/2, 6/8, 6/2, 6/0; J. Platt walked over J. W. Summers scratched, transferred from the port.

C. E. Watson and A. T. Lay are the favourites for finalists.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

The Club Lusitano defeated H.M.S. Cicala by 4 goals to 2 in the Shameen Football League on Saturday afternoon.

The first half was fairly even and well contested and the score at half time stood at 2-1 in favour of H.M.S. Cicala. In the second half, the game was well controlled by the Club Lusitano who scored three more goals.

The teams were:

Club Lusitano:—A. Renner, H. Prata, A. Krilovsky, A. Locke, J. Montalto, D. Packwood, H. Remedios, A. Wabab, A. Guillem, F. Ozeio and S. Sequiera.

H.M.S. Cicala:—Moor, Clark Trotter, Hay, Buchan, Montague, Barriek, Crick, Riddle, Johnson, and Davison.

League Table.

The present standing of the League is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
H.M.S. Seawood	5	1	2	0	8
Club Lusitano	5	2	0	3	14
H.M.S. Cicala	5	1	2	2	7
H.M.S. Moorhead	2	1	1	0	4
Shameen F.C.	4	1	1	2	10
H.M.S. Moti	1	1	0	0	5
H.M.S. Tarantula	2	0	2	0	1

LOCAL BILLIARDS.

ST. PATRICK'S CLUB FINAL.

At St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, last evening, the final of the Club Handicap took place, L. E. Remedios opposing C. F. Moulder. The former conceded 120 points in 350 to the latter.

Remedios forced the game, but Moulder played consistently safe throughout.

An exciting finish was provided, both players needing six points for game, with Remedios to play. He brought off a great shot to position himself and eventually ran out winner. Chief Engineer Columbus, of H.M. tug Post Clauer presented the trophy in the absence of the Secretary, congratulating Remedios upon his popular win and also remarking on the Club's social standing.

There was a particularly good attendance, many members of the Catholic Union Club being present. An impromptu concert followed the game, the numbers being rendered by Club members.

LOCAL RUGBY.

CLUB TO PLAY BEDS AND HERTS.

The following will represent the Football Club in a match against the Beds and Herts Regiment on Wednesday, 5th December, at 4.45 p.m.:—R. Grieve; L. Goldman, G. P. Lammer, V. H. Koop, M. D. Scott, C. D. Wales, J. L. Bonnar; E. Laidlaw, H. F. Akhurst, W. R. Andrews, J. Riddell, J. R. West, B. P. Massey, W. Leckie and W. Lithgow Smith.

FIRST TEST MATCH SENSATIONS.

ENGLAND LEAD BY 502 WITH 8 WICKETS LEFT.

AUSTRALIAN ILL-LUCK.

As stated in our later editions yesterday, Australia were all out for 122 in their first innings, the collapse begun on Saturday continuing.

The Australians have suffered a severe loss in the breakdown of J. M. Gregory with knee trouble, and the sudden illness of C. Kellaway, who is suffering from pneumonia. Neither is likely to make any further appearance in the match.

At the end of the day's play, with eight wickets in hand, England led by 502 runs.

The scores follow:

England—1st Innings.	
J. B. Hobbs, run out	49
H. Sutcliffe, c Ponsford, b Gregory	38
C. P. Mead, lb.w., Grimmett	8
W. R. Hammond, c Woodfull, b Gregory	44
D. R. Jardine, c Woodfull, b Ironmonger	35
E. Hendren, c Ponsford, b Ironmonger	169
A. P. F. Chapman, c Kellaway, b Gregory	20
M. T. C. Ryder, b Grimmett	58
H. Larwood, lb.w., Hendry	70
J. C. White, lb.w., Grimmett	14
G. Duckworth, not out	5
Extras	13
Total	521

Fall of wickets: 1 for 85 runs (Sutcliffe); 2 for 92 runs (Hobbs); 3 for 108 runs (Mead); 4 for 161 runs (Hammond); 5 for 217 runs (Jardine); 6 for 291 runs (Chapman); 7 for 310 runs (Tate); 8 for 443 runs (Larwood); 9 for 465 runs (White); 10 for 521 runs (Hendren).

Bowling Analysis.

	Runs	Wickets.
Gregory	142	3
Grimmett	167	3
Ironmonger	70	2
Hendry	7	1

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Chapman, b Larwood	0
W. H. Ponsford, b Larwood	16
A. F. Kippax, c b Tate	16
H. L. Hendry, lb.w., Larwood	30
C. Kellaway, b Larwood	33
I. S. Ryder, c Jardine, b Larwood	33
D. Bradman, lb.w., Tate	18
W. A. Oldfield, lb.w., Tate	2
C. V. Grimmett, not out	7
H. Ironmonger, b Larwood	4
Extras	2
Total	122

J. M. Gregory absent.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 0 runs (Woodfull); 2 for 7 runs (Ponsford); 3 for 24 runs (Kippax); 4 for 40 runs (Kellaway); 5 for 71 runs (Hendry); 6 for 101 runs (Bradman); 7 for 105 runs (Oldfield); 8 for 116 runs (Ryder); 9 for 122 runs (Ironmonger).

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	14.4	4	32	6
Tate	21	6	50	3

England—2nd Innings.

Hobbs, lb.w., Grimmett	31
Sutcliffe, c sub., b Ironmonger	32
Mead, not out	49
Hammond, not out	40
Extras	1
Total (for 2 wks.)	103

Fall of wickets: 1 for 25 (Hobbs); 2 for 69 (Sutcliffe).

KOWLOON GOLF.

RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

The following are the results of the second round of the Kowloon Golf Club Championship, played over the week-end:

W. Taylor beat H. Overy, J. D. Thomson beat A. W. Roberts, F. E. Remedios beat A. W. de Rosa.

The semi-final matches are between Taylor and McKnight and Thomson and Remedios.

FANLING GOLF.

I. W. SHEWAN QUALIFIES FOR CAPTAIN'S CUP.

There were thirty-seven entries for the Captain's Cup qualifying competition over the week-end, the best card being returned by I. W. Shewan, 74 (scratch), who therefore qualifies.

Other scores: R. K. Hopburn 85—10=75; J. L. Shellshear 85—9=76; P. Tod 95—18=77; N. K. Littlejohn 91—18=78; T. O. Bennett 80—8=78. The Optional Pool was cancelled.

"NOT A BAD FORGERY."

(Continued from Page 1.)

ing. In many cases pressure could be seen with the naked eye, and always with a glass.

Professor's "Forgery."

Mr. Potter asked witness to demonstrate what he meant by pen pressure by copying Mr. Black's signature.

Witness did so, using left pressure, and handed the result to Mr. Potter, who remarked that it was not a bad forgery. "Really, without any assistance of any kind. What you could do in a year's time I shudder to think of."

He asked:—You had not even a copy before you?—No.

You have forgotten nothing, not even the tick on the end of the "T"?

After examining the pen pressure, Mr. Potter remarked that it looked neutral, but said they would not waste further time over it.

Witness said he was not prepared to agree that one could find just as much pressure in Mr. Black's signatures on the right as on the left of strokes.

Mr. Potter then handed various cheques to witness, asking him to look at the pressures on the down strokes of the letters "T".

Of six signatures, Professor Shellshear agreed that four showed pressure on the right of the letters and expressed himself as being doubtful of the other two.

Will you take it from me that I took those cheques from a bundle at random and that is the result?—Yes.

Will you accept this from me, that Mr. Black, in fact, exerts pressure both on the right and the left?—Yes. I would like to point out that in Mr. Black's letters "B" and "K" the pressure is greater on the left on the specimens I have been looking at.

Mr. Potter:—I daresay in those letters I could find pressure on the right.

Imitating Signatures.

I suggest to you that any man who has imitated that signature and followed the form of it must reproduce similar pen pressure if he is to produce a passable forgery? I don't care what method he used. He must hold the pen as the writer held it, he must follow the contour of the signature, and he will inevitably reproduce the same pen pressure?—He will not reproduce its quality.

I put it to you that a man, and some men are gifted in this way, can copy that signature for a day, a week or six months, and he will then be able to put aside the cheque or document from which he was copying, and will be able to reproduce the signature as if it were his own, because he has made it his own?—That is what I do not believe.

I suggest that you made a good beginning yourself?—It was full of faults.

Mr. Potter handed witness a cheque signed by J. K. D'Almada and asked if witness did not find that the pen pressure was on the left, and that the presumption from the evidence was that cheques signed by J. K. D'Almada were in fact signed by the accused.

Witness did not agree. He added that he would have to look at it through a microscope.

Mr. Potter:—Never mind, there are far more cogent points in this case than this.

Professor's Comment.

Counsel then dealt with the break in the "Mc." He suggested that on looking at the enlarged picture, there could be clearly seen the upstroke of the pen in the letter "c" which resembled an "e." That stroke appeared to break at the top of the "e" and the writer appeared to have recommended.

Witness:—I should like the jury to see that.

He did not agree that it was open to Mr. Potter or to any other person to take the opinion that the "e" had not been written in one continuous stroke.

Questioned as to the blob which witness had previously referred to, Professor Shellshear said the blob was a common feature in many types of handwriting.

Professor Shellshear explained that when he used the word "characteristic" he was referring merely to features and was not suggesting it was distinctly characteristic in that person. He did not mean it was present in that person's writing and in the writing of no one else.

Mr. Potter asked whether the crossing on the cheque was either the writing, or an imitation, of Tsang On-wing's.

Witness replied that it was not.

Asked why Tsang On-wing could not have used the red-inked crossing chop of the Treasury, witness replied that that was not a question for a handwriting expert.

Witness was asked to find from among the 2,824 cheques, specimens in which the "T" and the "B" were co-related in the same

LOCAL YACHTING.

RESULT OF THE SAILING EVENT FOR LADIES.

The second Ladies' Championship event in connexion with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed yesterday. The course was Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Mark on Line (P), and Channel Rocks (S); distance 7.4 miles.

The result was:

Yacht	Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana	4:16.51	4:15.37
Colleen	4:15.25	4:10.20
Rolla	4:15.40	4:15.40
La Linda	4:14.13	4:10.31
Dorothy	4:15.27	4:11.31
I.Y. and C. Classes (Start at 3.05 p.m.)		
Daphne	4:31.00	4:31.00
Allan	4:30.20	4:30.20
Pierette	4:34.32	4:31.27
Joan	4:35.09	4:35.09
Why Wonder	4:35.31	4:32.41
Wings	4:30.08	4:27.40
Blue nose	4:37.11	4:34.48
Borlun	4:29.51	4:27.30
Speedwell	4:29.41	4:27.18
Zephyr	4:37.12	4:31.39
Lola	4:36.21	4:28.39

HOCKEY MATCH.

Y.M.C.A. TO MEET K.O.S.B. TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 1st XI. v the K.O.S.B. II. at King's Park to-day, at 5.00 p.m.: A. Harvey, A. Yorko, A. C. Jeffrey; D. J. May, F. W. Allen, E. O. Murphy; F. Mann, V. Petherick, F. R. Ashton, R. Murray, T. J. Price. Reserves: W. H. Smith, V. M. Hast.

Yesterday's Game.

The Club de Recreo beat the Hongkong Hockey Club by one goal to nil at King's Park yesterday.

manner as in the three allegedly forged cheques. Mr. Potter in making that request, drew attention to the position of the "B" and the slope of the "T" and their proximity to each other. Witness said he could find no such cheques.

The "T" Tick.

On the question of the tick on the cross stroke of the "T" Mr. Potter suggested to witness it was a distinct and separate stroke. Witness agreed, and also that it was not a mere blob at the end of the line because there was a definite stroke down.

Mr. Potter asked why no micro-photograph was taken of the tick and remarked that it seemed a pity.

Witness replied that he had been working at top pressure lately and he had to make all the photographs. He offered to make such photographs as counsel might require overnight, but Mr. Potter remarked that it was not necessary to do this provided that he agreed with him.

Mr. Potter asked Professor Shellshear to produce from the 2,824 cheques any which bore a tick comparable with the tick in the three alleged forgeries.

Witness produced some, but after these had been examined, Mr. Potter remarked that there did not appear to be the definite lines as in the alleged forgeries.

In regard to Mr. Messer's signature, Mr. Potter drew attention to a certain "e" formation in the "Mc" and asked witness to produce a single cheque where there was a similar "e" formation in the "Mc."

Doubtful Instances.

Witness replied that he could not produce any, but had come across three or four doubtful instances.

Mr. Potter:—May I take it that this formation is a rarity in Mr. Messer's writing?—Yes.

A great rarity?—Yes.

Mr. Potter then drew witness' attention to the three signatures of Mr. Messer which were alleged to be forged. He said the lines under Mr. Messer's signature appeared to run along the dotted line.

Witness agreed.

Counsel, after getting witness to examine a number of cheques, observed that in about ninety per cent. the line ran off the dotted line.

In regard to Mr. Messer's signature in relation to the right edge of the cheque, witness agreed with Mr. Potter that only seventeen cheques bore signatures as much to the left as in the case of the Katz cheque. Only two specimens bore signatures so much to the left as the Man Lee cheque.

Asked if he could produce any cheque, from the 2,824 specimens in court, which bore all the characteristics which Mr. Potter had pointed out as existing in the alleged forged cheques, witness replied that he could not.

Mr. Potter:—I put it to you that if you like to take any number of cheques, and I put these three forged cheques amongst them, you will pick these out of any number, once I give you these points?—

Witness:—Yes, I would. Any man could pick them out.

Mr. Potter:—Thank you very much.

The hearing is proceeding.

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ANKING PIRACY.

CAPTAIN PLUNKETT-COLE IN THE WITNESS-BOX.

When the case against the Chinese who is charged with piracy on board the Anking was resumed at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Major C. Willson, Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole was the first witness called.

The Captain stated that on September 23, he sailed from Singapore with 1,400 passengers and 1,000 tons of general cargo for Hothow, Swatow and Amoy. The passengers were all searched at Singapore.

All went well until 6.40 a.m. on September 26 when the ship was off Kuloo Rai Island. At that time the Captain was on the bridge with the chief officer when he heard two shots fired. He turned round and found two men with revolvers in their hands. Both men fired and both witnesses and the chief officer closed with them.

The Captain said he was shot in two places. Describing one of the bullets' effect, witness said that it "struck him like a hammer" on the pelvis. He fell down after that shot and his assailant jumped on him and pointed a revolver at his head. The man would have shot witness but for the fact that he had exhausted his ammunition.

Witness spoke of seeing the chief officer struggling and said that after he (witness) fell down, he never saw the chief officer again.

Captain Plunkett-Cole, continuing his evidence, said that he heard shots fired afterwards. One of the pirates leapt down to the promenade deck, where he saw the second, third, and fourth engineers, under guard.

The pirates took him into the saloon and left him on a settee and later they brought along the ship's doctor, also under guard, to attend to him.

Gave Officers Lemonade.

The pirates, according to the witness, got control of the ship at about 9 o'clock the same day. They then brought refreshments into the saloon in the shape of lemonade and gave it to the officers. The Captain added that at no time were there fewer than eight or nine pirates in the saloon, all with revolvers which they fastened to their wrists, by means of strings and the officers' neckties.

Everything in connexion with the movement of the ship was referred to witness, whose advice was carried out. The steamer was navigated towards Chiling Point, and anchored at a place called "Rosa" Head. All the navigational lights were put out except the lights in the engine room. The pirates had consulted him on this matter, and witness, bearing in mind the safety of the ship and her many passengers, had advised this course.

The Captain lost a sovereign case, a number of trinkets, a pair of binoculars, a Colt revolver and some tropical clothing.

When he arrived at Hongkong, he was removed to the Peak Hospital where he stayed thirty-two days. One of the bullets is still in his thigh, lodged within a muscle, and the doctors had informed him that if the

STEEL SLEEPERS.

BRITISH RAILWAY COMPANY TO EXPERIMENT.

London, Dec. 3.

An initial order for 70,000 steel sleepers, equalling 5,000 tons of steel, has been placed with a British firm by the Southern Railway, which is the first British company to adopt the steel sleeper in preference to timber.

The supply ordered will enable about thirty-five miles of selected track to be equipped over a period of two years.

The rising price of imported timber sleepers, of which four million are used annually on British railways, is the chief reason for the change, but the Southern Railway is also guided by a desire to help British industries, and to experiment with new sleepers already in use in some places abroad, where it is estimated their life will be about thirty years against the twenty years of timber sleepers.

In view of these circumstances, it is believed steel may in the end prove more economical.—*British Wireless.*

bullet did not shift there was no need to remove it.

How Accused Was Arrested.

Detailing the incident connected with the accused's arrest, Lance-Sergeant W. E. Goldsmith, in charge of Water Police Launch No. 7, said he was cruising in Kowloon Bay on the afternoon of October 6, when a H.K. boat was observed coming from the direction of Lyceum Pass. Through his binoculars he could observe two men move about on the boat in a suspicious manner. They were seen to make for the hatchcover and one was pulling the other down to sit with him on the cover.

They were still in that position when the Police craft drew alongside. Pressure had to be exerted to make them get off the hatchcover. On peering into the hold, witness found a man, lying stretched on his back, with his eyes wide open, seeming to be frightened or ill.

After describing the measurements of the hold, witness said that with the hatchcover on, it would be thrown into complete darkness, there being no means provided for ventilation.

On a shelf built into the side of the hold, witness found a package done up in tissue paper which he opened, to disclose several pieces of jewellery, these being a wrist watch, links, a gold bangle and a ring bearing a European monogram. An attache case was also lying on the floor. All these articles the man who was lying in the hold, claimed to be his, as well as a large sum in Dutch guilders and Straits currency which were found on his person.

Through the master of the boat, the witness learned that the boat came from Linchow where the man who was found in the hold, had chartered it to come to Hongkong, a sum of \$35 being put up for the cost of the passage.

The hearing was adjourned.

POO ON CHINESE HERBS HAVE CURED MANY DISEASES WHEN PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS AND SPECIALISTS FAILED.

Mother, Father and Three Children Receive the Wonderful Benefits from the Poo On Chinese Herbs. The Mother is Glad to Tell What the Herbs Did for Her Family.

Mrs. C. F. Fisher, who lives at 627, 15th St., Modesto, Calif., is a firm believer in the Poo On Chinese Herbs. This, because she has had a fine opportunity to give them a trial in her own family.

"When I first tried the Poo On Chinese Herbs," says Mrs. Fisher, "I had a bad case of the 'Flu.' I coughed and had pains all over. Simply felt all in. My throat was sore and I knew that it would turn into Diphtheria or Pneumonia if I was not careful. At that time many people had the same symptoms, and all the physicians here called it the Spanish Influenza or the Flu. Most of the people who were under the care of the American doctors died, and the few that got well took them a long time to get cured. This disease seemed a puzzle to all our doctors here, and many people never got well completely; always had some bad after-effects. My husband and I heard of the wonderful results of the Poo On Chinese Herbs curing many cases so simply and rapidly, and he called and got some of the Poo On Chinese Herbs. I got relief at once and was feeling fine after a short time. I am the mother of five children and had been sick for two years. I had two operations but was sick all the time.

"My oldest girl had a sort of skin disease—Eczema—which formed as a pimple and turned into a scab. She had this all over and was suffering terribly with the itching. I took her down to see the herbalist and the herbs he gave her fixed her up fine.

"My 8 months' old baby, Albert, still nursing, caught the Flu from me and the poor youngster was awfully bad. His eyes got watery and red and I was worried. But I gave him some of the Poo On Chinese Herbs and they cured him right away.

"One of my four-year-old twins had a very bad cough and I gave her some Poo On Chinese Herbs and the cough left her and she is in excellent health now.

"My husband had a bad cough for years. He then caught a bad cold so I told him to get some herbs from Poo On Herbs Co. In a short time his old cough was gone and he felt fine."

"So you see the Poo On Chinese Herbs have proven themselves successful in my family and I am sure that no matter what sickness now comes to any member of my family, I will just get some Poo On Chinese Herbs, and won't have to worry."

SIX PHYSICIANS AND SPECIALISTS FAILED TO GIVE RELIEF. CURED BY POO ON CHINESE HERBS.

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"One day while eating his meal, my son Charlie suddenly became apparently lifeless. I called a local physician at once and he treated him for six months. Then this doctor gave him up. We sent him to Lane hospital where he was treated by the best of specialists and physicians, who pronounced his case incurable. Some said he was suffering from tape-worm, some said from epileptic fits, and others said something else, none agreeing as to the real cause of the spells. During this time Charles was having from 10 to 18 spells a day, sometimes more. We brought him back to Modesto and treated him with physicians here, but even then no relief was received. Hearing of the Poo On Chinese Herbs, I thought this would help, so I went down with my elder son and talked with the Herbalist. He said his herbs would give relief. I returned home with a few packages of the Herbs, and in two days the change was very noticeable.

Before this my son could neither talk nor walk, and we dared not let him out of our sight. He was lifeless and did not care to play or talk with the other children. He is now full of life and plays around with the other children and is well in every way. Many neighbours and friends, knowing of his former condition, are greatly surprised at the quick recovery.

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WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED

SYBIL THORNE, runaway bride, has deserted her husband in Havana, and returned to her mother in Boston. Nobody knows of the marriage but Mabel Blake, the girl with whom Sybil took the trip to Cuba, and Mabel's fiancé, JACK MOORE. Sybil pledges them both to secrecy and is contemplating the possibility of a quiet divorce.

RICHARD EUSTIS, the man she married, was charming and a perfect lover, but on their honeymoon he showed his true colours. After enduring two weeks of his constant drinking, Sybil discovers something that makes her believe he was also deceiving her. She leaves him and takes passage, with Mabel, for Boston.

CRAIG NEWHALL, her old sweetheart, is with the family when they welcome her home. Craig asks no questions, but Sybil knows that he realizes something has happened. Very significantly he does not kiss her.

Weeks pass and Sybil has no word from Richard. Although she hates and despises him, the memory of his burning kisses haunts her. She begins to think less of a man named JOHN LAWRENCE, to whom at 18—she had dedicated all her heart and her life. Lawrence was a soldier who never returned from France. And she thinks more frequently of Craig Newhall, who loved her so devotedly a few short months ago.

CHAPTER XXVI

It was difficult for Sybil in the months that stretched ahead. Mrs. Thorne devoted most of her time to quiet and systematic weeping. She sat in her dead husband's chair, his little hassock beneath her feet and the balm pillow he had liked at her back, and there was something more pitiful about her than there ever had been before.

"I suppose it's a dreadful thing to say," confessed Sybil to Tad, "but, honestly, I think mother gets a positive kick out of being sad. There she is—simply cry herself sick—and enjoying every minute of it."

"Why, Tad, she doesn't want to be happy. She made up her mind that she's going to be miserable—and that's all there is to it. Anything else she regards as positive heresy. The other night I tried to drag her out to the theatre and, my dear, you'd think I'd absolutely insulted her!"

"Poor ma," Tad looked very compassionate. "I wish there was something we could do."

"Get her to go to a psycho-analyst," suggested Valerie. "I'll bet Mr. Crandon would do her a world of good."

"Psycho-analyst!" Tad said disbelievingly. "Psycho-my-grandmother!"

"That's right," said Valerie. "Make fun of everything I say. What do you know about psycho-analysis, Tad Thorne? Mr. Crandon's done marvels for lots of people, and I know he could help Mother Thorne, but just because it happened to be my idea—"

"Now, Val," Tad was always conciliatory with his touchy little wife. "Don't go flying off the handle. If you know anything about this psycho stuff, go ahead and spring it. Any idea you can sell Ma, to ease her out of that rocker, and persuade her to turn off the weeps—Sib and I are all for it. Aren't we, Sib?"

"Lord, yes!" Sybil put her arm placatingly about Valerie's shoulders. "Do try to interest her, Val. It might, as you say, do her a world of good."

A few days later Valerie drove her mother-in-law to Mr. Crandon's office on Commonwealth Avenue. He was a dark, rather oily little man, with well greased manners and hard, bright eyes, who took her hand and held it softly, and promised to help her with all that troubled her.

He talked of repressions and such, which he promised to release and divert. And bad complexes to be sublimated.

He asked her the most absurd questions. Which, for instance, she had preferred, her father or her mother. And if she remembered her baptism. Then he sent Valerie from the room and asked her exceedingly personal questions about love and marriage. Mrs. Thorne blushed for the first time in 20 years and found herself enjoying the sensation.

Then he began to interrogate her about her dreams. They sounded quite harmless to Mrs. Thorne as she recounted them. But to Mr. Crandon they sounded practically of indecency. He scribbled constantly as she talked, murmuring from time to time, "Bad. Very bad."

"My goodness!" she quavered miserably. "I can't see as there's anything bad about that."

She had, at the moment, been discussing a most trivial little dream. Michael, the gardener, was mixed up in it. There was something about radishes and roses. Mrs.

Thorne wasn't quite clear about it herself. She wanted Michael to pick the roses, but he had insisted upon picking the radishes instead. And there they were on the dining room table, looking as silly as you please, with their long stems sticking foolishly up in the air, and their little red heads buried in a pewter bowl.

Michael and the radishes, it seemed, bore a terrible significance. They there was that dream about Valerie falling downstairs—she'd had it three times already. Mr. Crandon said that Mrs. Thorne wanted Valerie to die, so that she might have Tad all to herself again.

Mrs. Thorne gave a horrified gasp, and turning quite pale, got up, as if to leave the room. Mr. Crandon said that it was not at all wicked. Moreover, he insisted, it was quite natural and normal. So Mrs. Thorne sat down again, a bit reluctantly, while he explained how the Unconscious was like that. Finally he told Mrs. Thorne she had a sex complex.

"Most people have, you know," he informed her reassuringly. "But, Mr. Crandon!" she expostulated. "At my age!"

"Age, my dear madam," he told her suavely, "has nothing at all to do with it. Your age, as a matter of fact, is a specially dangerous time for women."

He hitched his chair a little closer and laid out his hand confidently on Mrs. Thorne's. As he talked Mrs. Thorne experienced a warm, deep glow.

"You must cast your burdens upon me," he instructed her firmly. "All your griefs and perplexities, and little day-by-day worries—everything. Nothing can be too great, as nothing is too small. When the transference of burden has been effected, then—and then only—can you hope for peace and happiness."

Then he talked about an Oedipus complex, which was psycho for the love she felt for Tad; and the expression of the father-image which, Mrs. Thorne took it, was something on which Mr. Crandon counted to insure perfect harmony between himself and his woman patients.

She had heard of analysts who insisted that their patients fall in love with them, in order to effect transference with greater expediency. She was glad that Mr. Crandon was satisfied with being a father-image—it sounded quite harmless.

After that she called upon him twice a week and spent an hour in the cozy privacy of his office. She told him all her dreams, which he interpreted in amazing and sometimes rather disconcerting fashion. Once he told her that she disliked Sybil, but she would have none of that and threatened quite angrily to discontinue her visits.

"With your Unconscious, of course," amended Mr. Crandon hastily. "The more your Unconscious is obsessed by a thing, the less your conscious self knows about it."

Then he explained how we are absorbed from the emotions and wicked desires of our Unconscious. But it was well, he pointed out, to drag them into the open, that we might consider them dispassionately and cast them from us.

After that Mrs. Thorne began to feel that she could discuss her innermost thoughts with perfect frankness. She told him a great deal about Sybil, and wept as she told of the apparent gulf that lay between them.

She discussed Tad and Valerie, and talked about her own married life, and how deeply she had loved her husband. She recalled the first few years of her marriage, and the birth of her children, and recounted numerous details of their childhood.

Mr. Crandon listened seriously and encouraged all her confidences. It was such a relief—finding someone to talk to. Someone who was really interested.

For one thing, Mrs. Thorne was greatly troubled with insomnia. Tad had suggested a glass of warm milk and a few graham crackers, to be eaten at bed time. Dr. Euton had prescribed a mild sleeping potion. While Sybil had presumed to say that if her mother exerted a little physical effort during the day she might be able to sleep better at night. Dr. Crandon was infinitely more satisfactory.

"You do not sleep," he told her, "because you are afraid of dreaming. Not consciously, you understand. It is your unconscious self that refuses to let you sleep. Dream. . . . Dreams. . . . Dreams are dangerous things, my dear Mrs. Thorne."

Then, between them, they would line up all Mrs. Thorne's poor little dreams and stand them in a line, without any clothes on as it were. And Mr. Crandon would proceed to interpretation and analysis, until the merest and most insignificant would assume tremendous proportions and Mrs. Thorne would be very well pleased with her little dreams. Sometimes, of course, she found them embarrassing, but

even that was rather exciting and not altogether unpleasant. Mrs. Thorne began to feel rather like an adventuress. It was a gay and lovely feeling for a little drab old woman. Her eyes brightened and her cheeks grew faintly pink. She moved in a mysterious aura of dreams and imaginings.

"You'd think Ma'd get religion," remarked Tad one evening. "That's what psycho does for people," Valerie told him.

Mrs. Thorne was sitting through the downstairs rooms with a basket of flowers, arranging them in low bowls and standing off to admire the lovely effect of pink roses flanked by blue candles, and tall yellow lilies preening proudly to the mirror at their back.

She moved with a curious, detached sort of grace, utterly foreign to the crushed and broken creature who had wandered in desolation about the lonely house. There was a sort of subdued sublimity about her that caused her children to rejoice and wonder.

"You certainly had the right dope, Val," approved Tad. "Mother's a new woman since Crandon took her in hand. The old boy's there."

"All she needed was a new interest in life," declared Sybil, "and Mr. Crandon supplied the need."

"It's a pity," snapped Valerie, "if that was all there was to it, you couldn't have done the supplying yourself, Sybil! Just because it was my idea—"

"Why, Val, I think it was a wonderful idea!" Sybil surveyed her recalcitrant sister-in-law humorously. "Good Lord," she said, "you've a chip on your shoulder! Do you pop off at Tad every time he opens his mouth? Or do I get the brunt of your ladyship's ire?"

Valerie was very pretty when she was angry. Her soft skin flushed and paled like an exquisite rose when soft tints blend in perfect harmony. And her blue eyes flashed dangerously beautiful. Now she rumbled her yellow curls in characteristically angry fashion. And her slim shoulders in their little rose sweater drew together ominously. Tad knew all the danger signs.

"There, there, Val," he counselled. "Easy, old girl." "I hate you!" she shrieked at him. "Don't you talk to me like that. And you, Sybil Thorne! Finding fault with me all the time, you two. I won't stand for it, I tell you. I guess I don't have to. And I won't—so there. I won't!"

She flung angrily from the room, slamming the door after her. Mrs. Thorne laid her basket of roses on the hall table and crossed the drawing room to her son.

"Valerie's so upset these days," she murmured. "I've wondered." She stepped nervously and glanced tremulously at Sybil.

(To Be Continued.)

Five cases of eels, the first to come to London by plane, arrived at Croydon from Holland recently, and were delivered at Billingsgate.

BIG DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT CREDITS.

NEW PROPOSALS FOR TRADE EXTENSION.

London, Nov. 2. The Department of Overseas Trade yesterday announced an important extension of the facilities granted under the Government's export credits guarantee scheme.

Hitherto the Government has guaranteed exporters of British goods against the risk of loss from bad debts through the medium of what is known as contract "A."

Now under what will be called contract "B," the banks will be given by the Government primary security for the advances they make.

The "Big Five" and other banks have approved the scheme, and the chairman of one leading bank has stated: "The new contract marks a great advance in the practice of credit insurance. It is in every respect satisfactory."

Here is the history of the scheme. In 1920 the system of credits was established by Mr. Lloyd George.

Under Act of Parliament of 1926 the Exports Credits Guarantee Department, on behalf of the Government, is authorised to guarantee the payment at maturity of accepted bills of exchange drawn in connection with the export of British goods.

Guarantees may be given in respect of all markets of the world with the exception, at present, of Russia, and (as far as textiles are concerned) India and the Far Eastern markets.

If a bill of exchange so guaranteed is dishonoured, the department pays immediately on default the amount of its guarantee, which may be up to 75 per cent. of the face value of the bill.

A step forward in the credit insurance was taken by the department by the introduction in 1927 of floating contract—contract "A"—a practical insurance against the risk of bad debts.

By this contract an exporter can obtain cover on each of the markets with which he is doing business on the basis of bills of exchange.

It was anticipated that Contract A would be found to be a means of assisting exporters to develop and expand their business, and in a comparatively short period the export business insured by the department has grown to nearly £5,000,000.

The Government was told that to maintain British trade exporters of British goods must be able to offer credit terms.

Many exporters with sound foreign trade connections found it difficult to obtain credit adequate for the business offered to them, and that had the effect of restricting their exports.

That led to contract "B," which provides banking security whilst still maintaining the insurance cover and all the other advantages of Contract "A." It gives an unconditional Government guarantee to the Bank, and the contract is self-liquidating in a short period.

Like contract "A," the Department's guarantee covers the export of goods to clients whom the exporter and the Department believe to be reasonably sound.

MANILA SHOWS.

SOME ATTRACTIONS FOR HONGKONG.

Mysterious Blondell, a performer who has been at Coney Island for the past season, arrived in Hongkong on the St. Albans from Manila to-day. He comes to Hongkong direct, from New York having transhipped at Manila and his appearance with the Manila Shows opening on Praya East on Saturday night will mark his first appearance in the Orient.

The Manila Shows will arrive in Hongkong to-day, and those interested in seeing a carnival company erect various amusement devices will be surprised to see how rapidly a midway is built as specially trained men work night and day without a stop until everything is in readiness.

Hongkong has been promised something new and novel in the way of entertainment and there is no reason why this type of entertainment should not take here. It appeals to all classes and people of every age, and as far as the children are concerned it is in a class by itself as the Merry-go-round, Big Wheel, the clowns and a dozen other interesting attractions, are what kiddies love best.

The Manila Shows will remain in Hongkong at least three weeks. After the Hongkong engagement they will proceed to Manila where they are contracted for at the Philippine Carnival opening on January 26th.

The Club de Recreo hockey team visited Macao on Sunday and played a game with the Macao Hockey Club, the home team winning by five goals to four.

The game started at a very fast pace which was maintained throughout. Recreo scored within the first five minutes, but Macao attacked strongly after this and equalized just before half time, the teams crossing over at the interval with a score of 1-1.

The second half was hotly contested and even goals were scored, of which Macao claimed four and Recreo three, the game resulting in a victory for the Macao Hockey Club by the odd goal in nine.

The match between P. Jones and K. K. Leung in the third round of the Palace Hotel snooker championship, last evening, was a very interesting one, resulting in a win for Jones by 187 (60, 36, 42) to 112 (48, 26, 38).

The winner's highest break was 18.

of goods to clients whom the exporter and the Department believe to be reasonably sound.

Through contract "B" an exporter can, at the beginning of the buying season, cover the whole of his deliveries over many months ahead with the certainty that the extent of the Department's guarantee.

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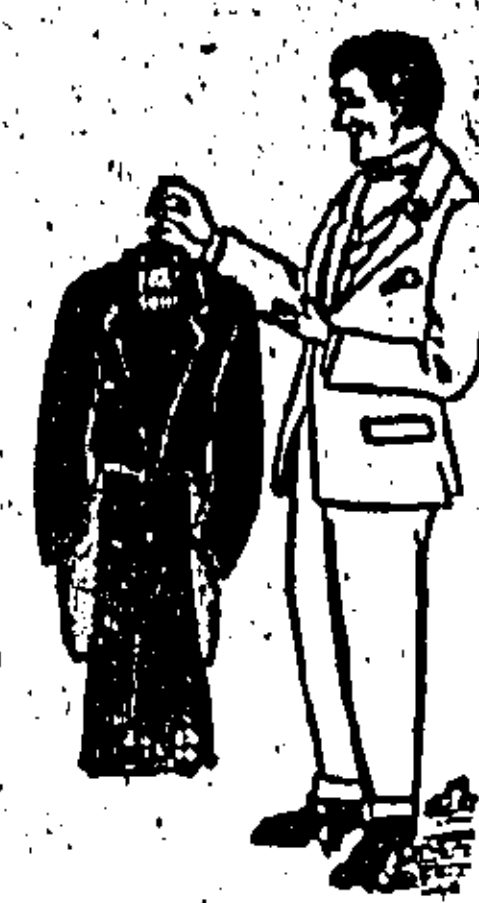
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The whole of the material used in the contract placed by the Central Electricity Board with the General Electric Co., Ltd., for one section of the overhead transmission lines in the south-east of England, will be manufactured in Great Britain.

An official of the company stated that the contract, the value of which was approximately £500,000, would cover the erection of the 132,000 volt line in the district north of the Thames, stretching from Reading on the west to Peterborough on the north, and Ipswich and Colchester on the east. The total mileage of the overhead transmission would be 254 miles, and the total actual length of conductor would be 1,310 miles.

The contract would be carried out by the General Electric Company with the assistance of their associated company, the Pirelli-General Cable Works, Ltd., of Southampton, the latter company carrying out all the actual erection work. The work of erection would take in all three years, and employment would be given in the actual erection work to between 500 and 1,000 men. In addition to that employment would be given to large numbers in the manufacture of the steel towers, steel aluminium conductor, insulators, and other accessories.

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A SHOP RAIDED.

DARING ARMED ROBBERY
N HUNGHOM.

Two Chinese, attired in black jackets, walked into a Chinese sundry goods store and money changer's shop at No. 155, Wuhu Street, Hunghom, last night, shortly after ten o'clock, and at the pistol's point held up the inmates. The raid was carried out with considerable ease. While one of the men held up three folks, the other robber opened the drawer of the counter and secured all the money therein, totalling about \$500. The shop was divided into two sections, one occupied by the sundry goods store, and the other by a money-changer's shop. There was a big safe in the shop, shared by the store and the money-changer, but on account of their hurry to make an exit the robbers did not attempt to open the safe. The two men stayed in the shop only a few minutes. It is thought the robbers took to their heels in such a hurried manner because, although the district is fairly quiet at night, there were still some pedestrians going from the Star Ferry to Kowloon City, passing Wuhu Street.

The victims say that the thieves ran in a westerly direction, heading for the railway bridge in Teimshatsul. No arrests have been effected.

OPIUM SCANDAL.

A POLITICAL TURN.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.
The dispute which originated in connexion with twenty thousand ounces of opium shipped from Hankow on the China Merchants a.s. Kiangnan to Shanghai, is assuming first class political importance, following the suspension of Tai Shek-to, the Chief of Police of Greater Shanghai, by order of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. It appears that Tai Shek-to was informed at 1.20 on the morning of November 23 that twenty soldiers were landing a quantity of opium on the Nantao bund, into a motor lorry and two motor-cars, allegedly as the property of the Garrison Commissioner, Hsiung Shih-huei. Tai Shek-to sent a party of police to investigate, and if necessary to seize the opium, but the military arrested the police and carried off the opium to the native city. Incidentally, the military censor prohibited the vernacular papers from printing the news of this incident.

One outcome of the case has been the detention of the steamer Kiangnan on her arrival at Nanking yesterday morning. Captain Steward, and the chief engineer, Mr. Ross, being sent to the British Consulate, while the Chinese crew of twenty-three have been detained by the Nanking District Court. The suspension of Tai Shek-to has resulted in strong protests from the local Kuomintang and other organizations, who have wired to Chiang Kai-shek that his orders are open to criticism unless Hsiung Shih-huei is also suspended, pending an investigation of the whole affair.

The main Chinese interest, however, centres in the fact that it is reported Tai Shek-to acted under the orders of Marshal Feng Yuxiang, while Hsiung Shih-huei is a protégé of Chiang Kai-shek. —*Reuter.*

DEFENCE IN YEO TRIAL.

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entirely for the purpose of demonstration. It does, in fact, contain letters what I would call of exceptionally acute angles—I can assure you that in the taking of that specimen the idea of those angles was never in my mind.

It struck me at the time a little peculiar that you did not take a cheque signature? Witness replied that it occurred to him that way also. He was taking many others in detail, time was a factor and he thought that the specimen showed the writing very well. It did not seem to him to vary from the others. There was no intention of dodging the cheques. Mr. Potter remarked that he had not made that suggestion and merely wanted to know the reason.

Difference of Writing.

Witness agreed that a person who wrote his signature very often formed a habit but to describe the habit was very difficult he said. He agreed that one form of a habit was where one might start to write one's signature. He also agreed that Mr. Black had formed a habit in this respect as also had Mr. Messer. The latter's habit was to get quite near the right hand side of the cheque. Witness said he had noticed that a person's signature might differ when writing on a cheque, a letter and entering account books. The handwriting of an individual might vary considerably according to the circumstances in which he wrote. Also a person's physical and mental condition might have quite a serious effect.

If a man, accused of a serious crime, after a lengthy cross-examination during which certain suggestions with regard to his handwriting were made to him, is suddenly asked to sit down and write, may be the formation of his letters would vary?—Yes. Witness further said he would not consider that was a fair test and he would not consider that to be normal writing to make an investigation on. The only suspicion he had was that, which he had previously referred to. It had been very slight.

A Complete Test.

Mr. Potter then handed the three disputed cheques to witness and asked him if he did not think that the signatures were very regular in their form. Witness replied that he did not think so.

Professor Shellshear said he was satisfied that the cheques taken afforded a complete test for the handwriting, after which he was questioned as to the manner in which the cheques were selected.

He was then handed documents relating to two of the banks at which the accused was alleged to have opened accounts. Those documents bore the names C. Yeo and Chan Man-wai. Mr. Potter asked if witness would think that they were written by the same hand. Witness replied that if it was suggested to him they might be, he would not deny it.

Mr. Potter then put the accused's alias names before witness and questioned him with regard to any differences. He would not be prepared to say what preparation a man would need to have

LETTER GOLF.

Down on the farm this time of the year, they're thinking about starting to SMOKE MEATS. It is a tricky process in letter golf, as well. Par is seven.

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

different signatures as it was outside his experience. With regard to the alleged forgeries he agreed that the "B" of Black for all practical purposes started in the same place on all three cheques, but said that he did not attach much importance to it, saying that it might be found in other cheques.

The Possibilities.
At Mr. Potter's request, witness produced a cheque, but Mr. Potter pointed out that he had asked for such cheques signed on the same day. Witness produced two such cheques.

When Mr. Potter said that they did not agree with the letters "B" on the alleged forgeries, witness said that they were not far off it. He said he could not, at the moment, produce a nearer sample.

Mr. Potter—I put it to you that so far as October, November and December are concerned, out of 2,824 cheques, there is not a single one in which you will find the position of the "B" the same as in the suspected cheques? Will you accept that from me?—Yes.

Before you could get a "B" starting in the same position you have to go back to June, 1927. You accept that?—Yes.

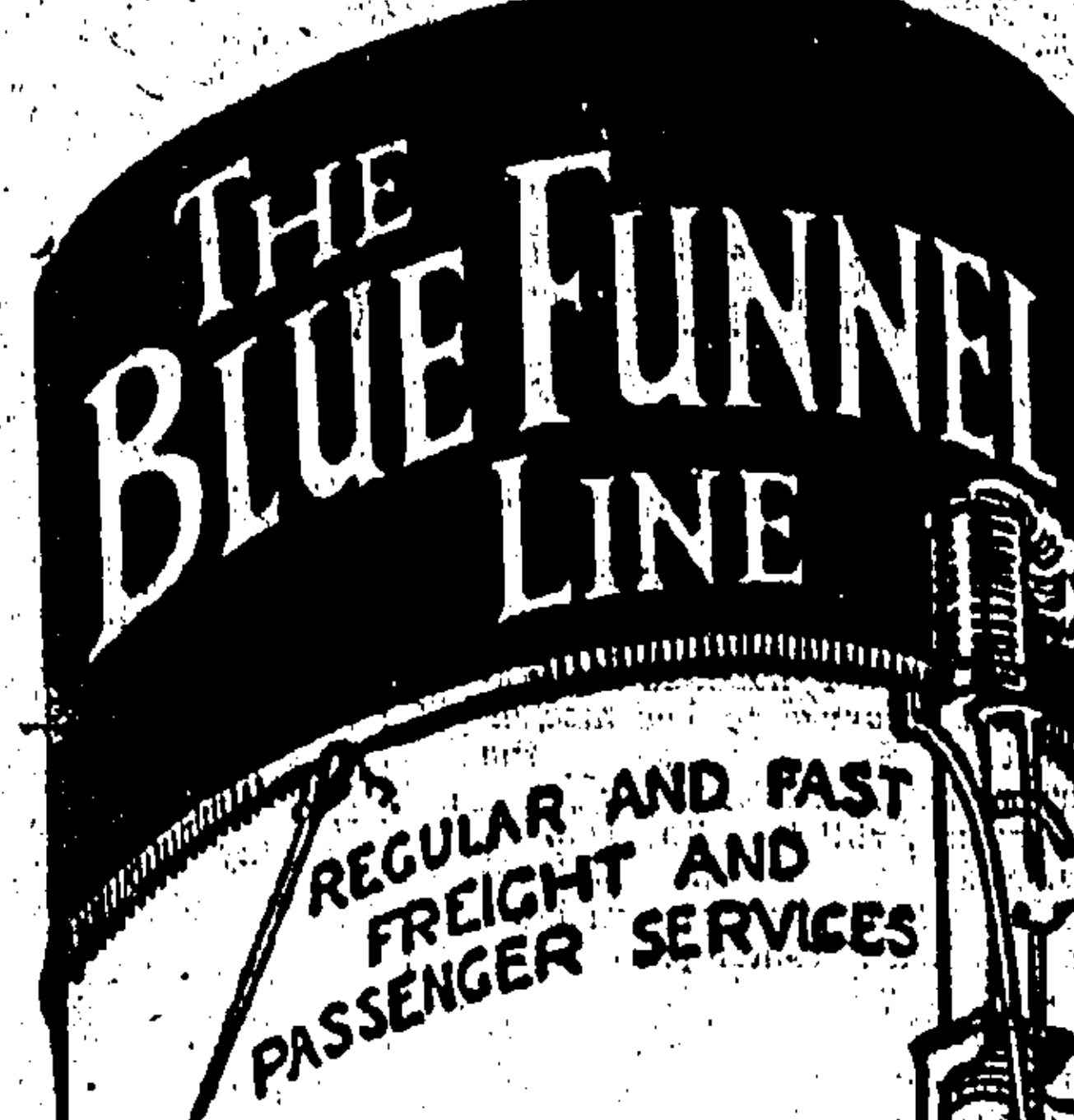
You say it is fair to go back to June 1927, when you have almost 3,000 for the period of October, November and December?—Yes.

It is a most remarkable thing that the only three cheques in question out of 3,000 are cheques with the bottom of the "B" in that position?—Yes.

Such result can only be produced by accident or design, that is to say that Mr. Black had done it deliberately, or the hypothesis of forgery. Can you put forward any other explanation?—It seems to me that you have exhausted the possibilities.

No one has suggested on behalf of the accused that either Mr. Black or Mr. Messer ever did such a thing. The only things left are forgery or accident?—Yes.

At this point the court adjourned.



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A largely attended reception was later held at "Alberose," Pokfulam, the residence of the bride's mother, where the happy couple received the congratulations and best wishes of their many friends. The bride was charmingly attired in a gown of tulle and silver lace and was attended by Miss Yvonne Perry, flower girl, and Master Albert Michael Odell, page, dressed in costumes of the Victorian period.

The bride's mother wore a Nile green georgette dress with oxidized braid, and the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry O. Odell, a dress of beige georgette.

At the conclusion of the reception, Mr. and Mrs. Potts left by the President Lincoln for Shanghai, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going-away dress was a Paris model of black and red georgette with a black hat.

The couple received a large number of valuable presents. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a set of silver brushes and comb, the bridegroom gave the bride a gold cigarette case, the bride's mother gave a cheque and a diamond bracelet, the bride's sister and brother-in-law a silver fitted-dressing case and Mr. P. C. Potts a piano.

ANOTHER PIRACY.

DAYLIGHT-OUTRAGE CLOSE TO HONGKONG.

Another junk piracy, accompanied by attempted murder and kidnapping, occurred on Saturday off Sun Wen Kok, in the vicinity of Fan Lau village in British waters. The outrage took place in broad daylight, about eight o'clock in the morning, while the occupants of the junk were fishing at an anchorage.

A small pirate sampan with six men on board sailed alongside and they jumped on board, according to the owners' report to the Tai O Police Station. The aged owner, named Lam Kam-jo, put up a fierce struggle with the thieves. In the course of the ensuing tussle one of the robbers fired a shot at the old fisherman, who was wounded on his right arm and fell overboard. He managed to swim away to safety, and was rescued by another vessel.

The wounded man states that there were six pirates, and four of them were armed with pistols. The booty is estimated to be near \$2,000, including money and clothing.

Four other members of the crew of the pirated junk are still missing, and it is conjectured that they have been taken away by the pirates together with the junk. At Tai O the owner was able to rejoin two other members of the crew, but so far there has been no news of the remaining four.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

SMOKE, SMOTE, SMITE, SPITE, SPITS, SPATS, SEATS, MEATS.

S.S. CASSUM'S VOYAGE.

ADVERSE WEATHER AND BAD FUEL CAUSES DELAY.

With the arrival in harbour on Saturday night of the s.s. Cassum, ex H.M.S. Woodlark, fears for her safety subsided and it is now learned that she is to be taken in hand by a local firm to be fitted out for service on the West River. Her trip down was a memorable one for all concerned.

The vessel, when seen yesterday afternoon, anchored off Shumshup, showed little signs of the battering she must have received on her journey down from Shanghai. Stripped of her guns and heavy gear, she is decked in forward and has a fairly high freeboard for river work, but appears to be an unsuitable craft for work in open water.

As H.M.S. Woodlark, she was on the active list as late as the commencement of this year, being classed as a shallow draught steamer for river service, of 150 tons and armed with two six pounder guns. Her engines developing 550 I.H.P. On the commissioning of the newly built river vessels she was put up for sale and purchased by Mr. Cassumbhoy of Hongkong for local service.

Difficulties were experienced in getting a crew together to bring her south from Shanghai, but Captain W. C. H. Knight was given the command, with Mr. H. A. Wimbo acting as Chief Engineer, these being the only Europeans on board. The crew were recruited in Shanghai and for the most part were Cantonese.

After reconstruction and the removal of fittings, the gun-mountings and other weighty gear being used as ballast, the s.s. Cassum set sail from Shanghai for Hongkong at 3 p.m. on November 5, but was compelled to anchor in the river owing to adverse weather being reported. She cleared on November 6 and again anchored for shelter on November 7. Another attempt to get under way on November 9 was frustrated by a number of the Chinese stowchold gang refusing to turn to, owing to bad weather and inferior coal. In their opinion making the voyage perilous. She anchored once more on the same day and resumed later.

Master on Bridge for Three Days. On November 10, a Butterfield and Swire steamer was met with and a report made by megaphone that the ship could only make three knots against the sea and wind, with the diminishing fuel, would have to put in to Wenchow for replenishment. The master had then been on the bridge for three days without sleep. That same evening the Cassum anchored in Wenchow and refuelled, leaving there on November 14.

The weather continued bad, and between November 14 and November 16 there were other periods when the ship was compelled to anchor, either to clean fires or give rest to the overworked black gang, who were generally suffering from sea-sickness. A cable received from Shanghai on November 18 gave news of her departure from Wenchow.

Nothing further was heard except from unofficial sources, until her arrival here. Meanwhile, however, the s.s. Haiching had left Hongkong with coal and fresh water, to seek the vagrant ship in the vicinity of Foochow. Actually the Cassum reached Foochow on November 17, but was compelled to await the arrival of the Douglas liner until November 23. Coal and water was supplied on November 27 and at 11.30 a.m. on the next day, the despoiled gunboat ventured out to once more brave the sea.

The journey to Hongkong occupied two days and a half and it was not until 9.30 p.m. on Saturday, that she dropped her hook inside the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. Even then her troubles were not over and yesterday morning an official from the Harbour Office boarded and pointed out that her proper place was outside. Accordingly she once more got under way and found rest in the Shamshup anchorage.

It is impossible to get definite details of all that happened during the voyage, both the master and the Chief Engineer being reticent on the matter, but sufficient was gleaned to substantiate the rumours of a tough passage. The crew have had enough and are quite prepared to embark on the next ship northward bound, once they have received their pay for the month's voyaging.

Expert opinion reflects not so much on the seaworthiness of the ship, but the necessity of providing better fuel, the type of furnaces being such, that only better class coal can be used to give the vessel anything like her proper speed. A full head of steam could not be maintained and this coupled with the bad weather experienced, made the journey not only hazardous, but extremely uncomfortable.

Seas were constantly breaking over the decks and travelling light, she rolled heavily, making rest all but impossible. Supplied with extra boats and life rafts, she was well fitted for the voyage in this respect, but the time of year and general conditions were not favourable and in bringing the vessel safely to port, Captain Knight has accomplished a feat, that to say the least is a highly commendable operation.

MOTORISTS FINED.

QUESTION OF LEARNER DRIVERS AGAIN CROPS UP.

For the second time within the past month, a cyclist has been summoned before a Magistrate for riding a motor cycle with a learner's licence without being accompanied by a licensed driver. Mr. E. W. Hamilton, before whom the second case was brought at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, pointed out the difficulty confronting learners.

When the case was called his Worship asked how a cyclist could be accompanied; was the expert to ride in the side car?

Sub-inspector Nicol replied that in the present case the defendant was riding a solo machine.

When asked how the learner was to be accompanied, Sub-inspector Nicol said that he was supposed to ride for at least two weeks in Prince Edward Road or have a licensed driver on the pillion.

The defendant pointed out that no one would trust a learner by sitting on the pillion.

Sub-inspector Nicol replied that it was more dangerous to accompany a learner driver in a motor car than on the pillion of a cycle.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$2, and asked Sub-inspector Nicol to look into the question, as he (his Worship) could see it cropping up again. If the Police officer thought it might be simplified he might even draw the attention of the authorities to the matter.

Trade Number Misused.

A charge of allowing his trade license to be used for purposes other than demonstration purposes was brought against Mr. Wallace Harper before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The defendant pleaded guilty and said that the license was being used on a Ford lorry which was transporting goods from the Hunghom depot to Mongkok. Sub-inspector Nicol informed his Worship that he saw a Ford Sedan at 4.30 p.m. in Nathan Road bearing the company's trade number and five minutes later a two-seater was seen in Leichok Road with the same number.

Mr. Harper replied that the Ford two-seater was the lorry he referred to. Although it was not actually a lorry it was used as such.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th December, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

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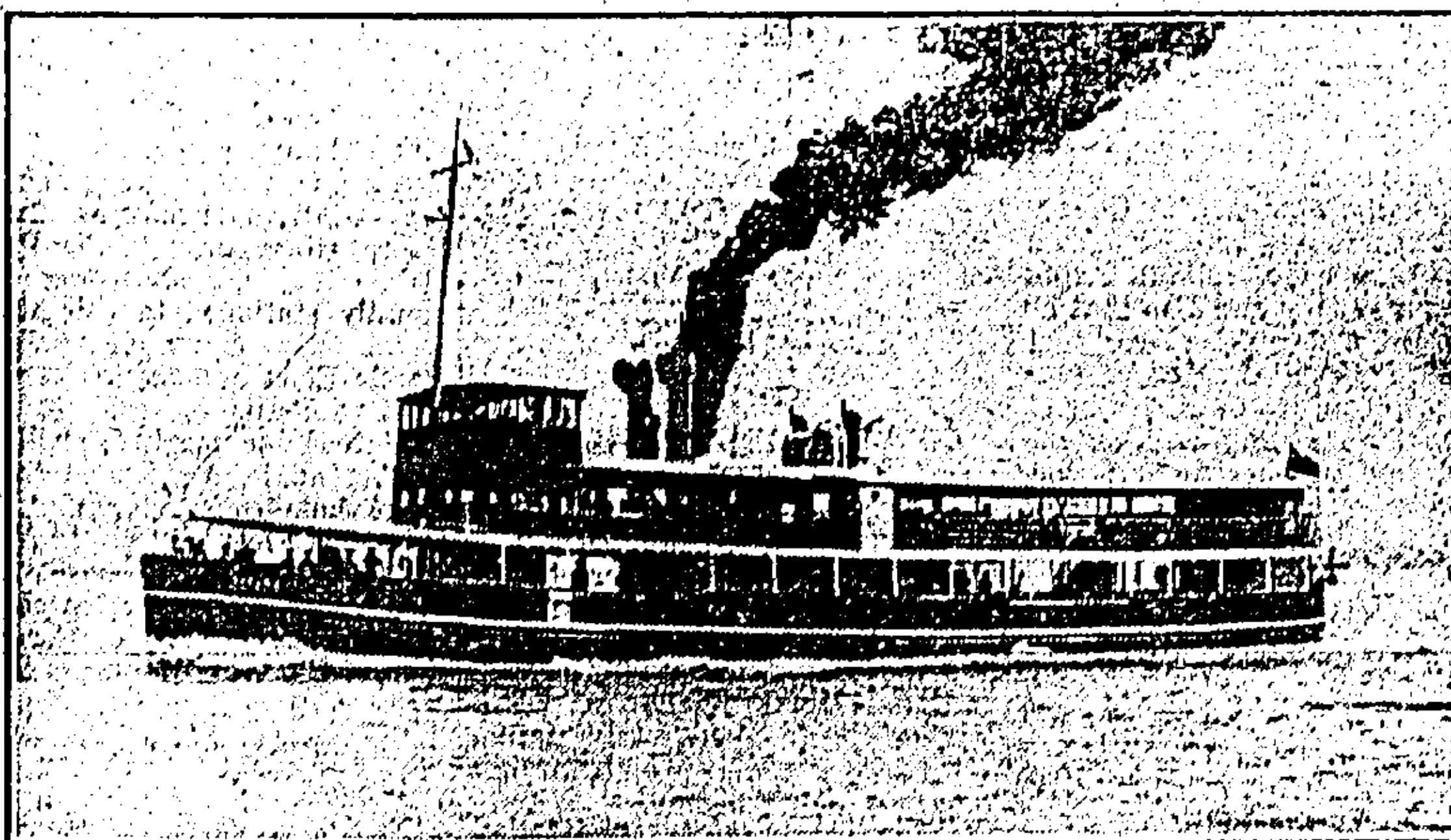
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THE CHILE QUAKE DISASTER.

TERRIBLE SCENES IN TALCA RUINS.

BODIES OF VICTIMS STACKED AGAINST WALLS.

HOSPITAL BURNT OUT.

New York, Dec. 3.

A horrifying spectacle of dozens of bodies of the victims of the Chilean earthquake disaster roughly wrapped in blankets or other materials and stacked against walls, greet visitors to the devastated regions.

Amid the ruins of countless homesteads, people are to be seen madly digging in search of the bodies of their relatives who are missing.

The main features of the terrible scenes are graphically described by a Telephone Company official in a message from Santiago de Chile, who flew to Talca, which has almost been wiped out by the quake.

Lying in Rows.

After alighting, the official had to clamber over huge piles of debris of what were once magnificent public buildings and fine residences. All the streets are hopelessly blocked by the ruins, and dead bodies recovered are lying in rows against the few walls standing.

People are still searching for the missing, and the extent of the casualties is at present impossible to estimate, though it is stated that at least 200 have been killed outright in the various devastated areas.

Hospital Guttered.

The official confirms the fact that the fine Cathedral at Linares, near Talca, has been severely damaged. It has not collapsed entirely, but is almost beyond repair.

The Bishop of Linares to-day visited the scenes of tragedy administering the last rites to the dying.

The damage at Talca is said to be not less than \$2,500,000.

The hospital which was wrecked by the tremors, afterwards caught fire and was completely gutted.

Hundreds of the injured are now housed in tents and in emergency shelters.

Further Shocks.

The port of Constitución is badly damaged. The inhabitants are sleeping in tents.

Only ten per cent. of the houses in Talca are inhabitable. Damaged buildings are being demolished to avoid the danger of collapse.

Further intermittent shocks of lesser intensity were felt during the week-end in the affected area. —*Reuter's American Service.*

The Casualty List.

Later.
The deaths in the earthquake disaster are now given as 218, while 257 persons are reported to have been seriously injured. Over 2,000 have been slightly injured, while 20,000 are homeless. —*Reuter's American Service.*

INSURANCE BROKER ARRESTED.

CHARGED IN COURT WITH EMBEZZLEMENT.

By virtue of a warrant, the police yesterday arrested a Chinese named Sul Cheuk-hing, described as an insurance broker of the Holland China Trading Company of No. 67 and 69, Des Voeux Road Central.

The charge against Sul Cheuk-hing is that he embezzled a sum of \$26.25 from the Holland China Trading Company and also that he had forged a document for that amount.

He was brought before Major C. Willson this morning, and, on the application of the police, was granted a week's remand, bail of \$100 being allowed.

P. & O. DIVIDENDS.

DIRECTORS RECOMMEND AN INCREASE.

London, Dec. 3.
The Directors of the P. & O. Company recommend a 5 per cent. dividend on preferred stock and 12 per cent. on deferred shares, free of tax.

Last May the preferred dividend was 2½ per cent. and the deferred 5 per cent. —*Reuter.*

MARSHAL CHIANG CRITICISED.

OPIUM SCANDAL ACTION IS RESENTED.

SHANGHAI PROTESTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 3.

With the return of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his public announcement of the suspension of the Chinese Chief of Police, public interest is again aroused over the opium smuggling scandal. It appears that opinion generally is on the side of the Police Chief, and the action of Marshal Chiang is resented as being most unjust.

All public organisations in Shanghai contemplate sending a joint telegram to the National Government asking that if an enquiry is to be made it should be held at Shanghai and not in Nanking, as proposed by Marshal Chiang.

It is reported that even the two National Government envoys, T. T. Wang and Wang Wei-hsin, and Mr. Chang Chi-king, Chairman of the Nanking Opium Suppression Committee, who were sent by Nanking to make enquiries in Shanghai, were greatly surprised when they heard of the decree ordering the suspension of the Police Chief.

The opinion is expressed in Chinese newspaper comments that the Police Chief was only doing his duty when directing the police to raid the opium den and that even if he is suspected of being an accomplice in the affair, Marshal Chiang should wait for the return of the three envoys who are making first-hand investigations before taking action.

The Chinese Police Department is under the control of the Kiangsu Provincial Government and the Chinese Municipal Government of Greater Shanghai, and as Marshal Chiang has not consulted these two bodies before announcing the decree for suspension, he is being strongly criticised.

Members of the Anti-Opium Smoking Society in Shanghai gave a dinner party on Sunday night in honour of Mr. Chang Chi-king and the two other National Government envoys. In the course of the evening Mr. Chang delivered a speech on the opium scandal, saying that he was very much surprised at the action of Marshal Chiang in suspending the Chief of Police, and he had wired to Nanking for an explanation.

Others who protested against the suspension include the Chinese Legal Practitioners' Association, the Women's League, and the Students' Union.

Later.
It is understood that Mr. Chang Chi-king is returning to Nanking to submit the report of his investigations, leaving Shanghai by rail this evening.

LONDON BRIBERY SCANDAL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ed on an average quite twenty clubs every year.

Goddard's pay was £3 per week, and he was sometimes rewarded for special work.

Inspector Cooper also agreed that Sergeant Goddard knew that the prosecution was pending, but had made no attempt to leave the country.

He mentioned, in further cross-examination that Ribuffi had been in England for 25 years.

The case was adjourned.

Bail For Two.

Goddard, who was refused bail at the previous hearing, was released on bail of \$1,000, which was provided by a pawnbroker.

Mrs. Meyrick was granted bail of \$2,000, of which she deposited one-half herself.

Bail was refused to Ribuffi, who was remanded in custody. —*Reuter.*

U.S. TRADING IN "FUTURES."

CONSIDERABLE DEALS IN TIN.

New York, Dec. 3.

The increasing interest in futures in the markets of the United States was further evidenced at the opening of the National Metal Exchange, when trading on a moderately active scale took place, in which foreign interests participated.

Deals in tin futures totalled 645 tons, valued at \$765,000. —*Reuter's American Service.*

The Governor General of the Philippines and Mrs. Stimson entertained Mr. Tredwell, Consul General at Hongkong, during the latter's recent visit to Manila.

GERMAN CLAIM TO EVACUATION.

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS NOT FULFILLED.

DIFFERENCE IN QUESTIONS OF LAW AND POLICY.

DEMAND UNJUSTIFIED.

London, Dec. 3.

Germany's demand for the immediate evacuation of the Rhineland on the ground that she has carried out all her Treaty obligations, was the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day, when Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, gave a definite denial to the claim that Germany had complied.

The Foreign Secretary was asked whether it was the opinion of the Government that the German Government had carried out the terms of Article 431 of the Peace Treaty, and if not, whether the particulars in which Germany had not complied could be stated.

Two Aspects.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied: "There are two aspects of this question. This particular enquiry relates to the interpretation of the Treaty and is a question of law. There is also the question of policy."

"On the question of law, His Majesty's Government have been advised that there is no legal justification for the contention that Germany has complied with all the obligations imposed upon her by the Treaty so as to entitle her, as a right, under Article 431, or otherwise, to demand the withdrawal of forces at present occupying the Rhineland, before the expiry of the period laid down in the Treaty."

Reparations Obligation.

"The chief obligation with which Germany has not yet complied is that of reparations. In the opinion of the British Government, the concession provided for in Article 431 could only take effect when Germany has completely executed and discharged the whole of her reparation obligations."

"It is not sufficient that she should be carrying out regularly her undertakings in the matter of current reparations payments."

"The phrase applicable to the punctual performance of current obligations is that used at the beginning of the Article providing for five-yearly reductions, namely Article 429. The phrase is: 'If the conditions of the present Treaty are faithfully observed.'"

Question of Policy.

"As to the question of policy, which is equally important, though decided by different considerations, I repeat that His Majesty's Government would welcome the early evacuation of the Rhineland by French, British and Belgian forces irrespective of the legal rights of the ex-Allied Governments to continue their occupation until the expiry of the period fixed by the Treaty."

Sir Austen said in the Commons a few days ago that the British Government had had no occasion to make any communication to either the French or the German Governments regarding the withdrawal of British troops from the Rhineland as distinct from the evacuation by all three occupying Powers. —*British Wireless.*

AMERICAN NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

VISITS TO LATIN AMERICA PLANNED.

Washington, Dec. 3.

Mr. Hoover's goodwill visit to South America will be closely followed by visits of large sections of the American Fleet to Peruvian and Colombian ports.

A four months' programme for the winter manoeuvres includes the passing through the Panama Canal of the Scouting Fleet, usually stationed in the Atlantic, which will manoeuvre with the Battle Fleet and pay a fortnight's visit to Peru.

Sixteen submarines will visit Cartagena in April, and the Aircraft Squadrons belonging to the Scouting Fleet will be augmented by Navy torpedo planes and will also visit Latin America en route to join the Fleet in the Canal Zone. —*Reuter's American Service.*

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the depression has deepened considerably and passed to the N.E. of Japan. The anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is: —N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

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